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TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.50	7.10
Yau-mai...Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.59	7.19
Shatin...Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	6.11	7.31
Tai-po...Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.24	7.44
Tai-po Market...Dep.	7.31	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	5.13	6.28	7.48
Fanning...Dep.	7.32	10.03	11.18	12.48	1.54	5.14	6.29	7.49
Shungshui...Dep.	7.58	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	5.27	6.42	8.02
Shumshun...Arr.	7.42	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	5.34	6.49	8.09

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shumshun...Dep.	7.51	8.05	10.39	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.29	6.08
Shungshui...Dep.	7.58	8.13	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.36	6.15
Fanning...Dep.	7.59	8.16	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.40	6.19
Tai-po Market...Dep.	7.42	8.28	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.50	6.29
Tai-po...Dep.	7.48	8.30	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.54	6.33
Shatin...Dep.	7.59	8.43	11.17	12.21	3.35	4.52	6.04	6.43
Yau-mai...Dep.	8.12	8.55	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.07	6.19	6.58
Kowloon...Arr.	8.30	9.03	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.16	6.28	7.07

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...Dep.	6.40	8.35	9.15	10.30	12.00	2.25	5.29	7.10
Yau-mai...Dep.	6.50	—	9.24	10.39	12.09	2.31	5.35	7.19
Shatin...Dep.	7.02	—	9.36	10.51	12.21	2.43	5.47	7.31
Tai-po...Dep.	7.16	—	9.49	11.04	12.34	2.55	6.00	7.44
Tai-po Market...Dep.	7.31	—	9.53	11.08	12.38	3.00	6.05	7.48
Fanning...Dep.	7.32	—	10.03	11.18	12.48	3.11	6.16	7.49
Shungshui...Dep.	7.58	9.13	10.28	11.43	12.53	3.15	6.24	8.02
Shumshun...Arr.	7.42	9.13	10.13	11.28	12.58	3.21	6.30	8.09

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Fanning...Dep.	8.23	10.49	11.51	—	3.11	4.28	5.40	6.19
Tai-po Market...Dep.	8.33	10.59	12.02	—	3.21	4.38	5.50	6.29
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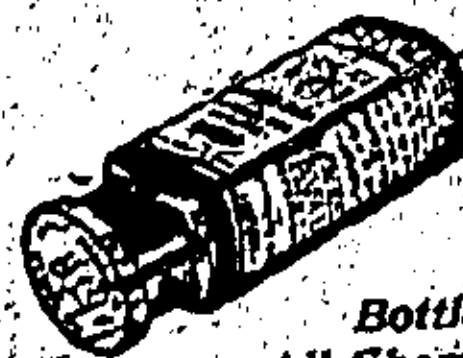
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[ORDERS BY MAJ. R. MELVILLE SMITH, M.B.E.,
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.]
No. 922.

1.—APPOINTMENT.

H.E. the Governor has been pleased
to appoint Pte. Edward Pigott Minett,
V.D., as Medical Officer in the Hongkong
Volunteer Defence Corps, with the rank
of Lieutenant, with effect from the 16th
April, 1926.

2.—COMMAND.

2/Lieut. E. J. R. Mitchell took over
command of the Infantry Company on
24th April, 1926, vice Capt. S. J. Jordain,
M.C., on leave.

3.—ANNUAL MUSKETRY.

Unit Commanders are reminded that
Part I. Musket Course for the year
1925-1926 should be completed by 13th
June, 1926.

Some units still have a large number
of men to fire. Stonecutters Range is
fully allotted, but the Peak Range is now
available.

4.—ARTILLERY AND ENGINEER COMPANIES.

Musket Course Part I. will be fired
at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 2nd
May, 1926. All those who have not
already fired Part I. must make an effort
to attend.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. M. P. Con-
cannon, M.C.
Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9
a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10
a.m.

Dress: Uniform optional, but rifles,
bayonets, belts and pouches must be
taken.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Head-
quarters on Friday, 30th April, 1926, be-
tween 9 a.m. and noon, or 2 and 4 p.m.,
or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, 1st
May, 1926, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

5.—MOUNTED INFANTRY AND ARMOURD CAR COS.

Musket Course Part I. will be fired
at Peak Range on Sunday, 2nd May,
1926, at 9 a.m.

All those who were detailed to attend
last Sunday must make a point of attend-
ing on this occasion.

Range Officer: Capt. W. Brackenridge,
M.C.

Members living on the Peak must as-
semble on the Range at 9 a.m. sharp,
others must catch the 9 a.m. tram to the
Peak.

Dress: Uniform optional, but rifles,
bayonets, belts and pouches must be
taken.

Arms: Will be drawn as detailed for
Artillery and Engineer Companies.

6.—ARMOURD CAR COMPANY.

Parade at Corps Headquarters on
Monday, 3rd May, at 5.30 p.m.
Drivers as detailed by Sergt. D. G.
Brice.

Gunner N.C.O.'s are requested to at-
tend a meeting at 5.30 p.m. to discuss
the starting of Classes in Vickers Gun
instruction to run during the Summer.
Miniature Range will be available for
the remainder.

7.—INFANTRY COMPANY.

Musket Course Part I. will be fired
on Sunday, 9th May, 1926, by all those
who have not yet fired or passed. Failure
to fire Part I. involves inefficiency and
this is the last opportunity for members
of the Infantry Company to fire this
Course.

No. 4 Platoon and Kowloon Residents
from Nos. 1, 2, and 3 will fire at Stone-
cutters Range under 2/Lieut. R. R.
Davies, M.C., M.M.

Launch leaves Murray Pier at 9 a.m.
and calls at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Hongkong residents of Nos. 2 and 3
Platoons will fire at Peak Range under
2/Lieut. E. J. R. Mitchell. All those
living on the Peak to be on the Range
at 9 a.m., and others to catch 9 a.m.
tram up.

Dress: Uniform optional, but rifles,
bayonets, belts and pouches must be
taken.

Arms: To be drawn from Corps Head-
quarters on Friday, 16th May, 1926, be-
tween 9 a.m. and noon, or 2 and 4 p.m.,
or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, 8th
May, 1926, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

8.—NO. 4 PLATOON.

Parade at Volunteer Headquarters on
Tuesday, 4th May, 1926, at 5.30 p.m. for
Miniature Range Practice. Dress: Mufti.

9.—STRENGTH.

The following is taken on the strength,
as from 28th April, 1926, and posted to
Armoured Car Company:—No. 1044 Pte.
E. T. S. Zimmer.

10.—REVERSION.

No. 420 Corp. G. W. Sewell, Mounted
Infantry Company, is permitted to re-
vert to the ranks of Private at his own
request, as from 18th April, 1926.

11.—TRANSFER.

No. 420 Pte. G. W. Sewell, Mounted
Infantry Company, is permitted to
transfer to the Armoured Car Company,
as from 15th April, 1926.

12.—LEAVE.

The undermentioned officer and men
are granted leave of absence from the
Corps:—
Capt. S. J. Jordain, M.C., Infantry
Co., from 1st May, 1926, to 30th
April, 1927.

No. 227 B.S.M. C. H. Summers, Artil-
lery Co., from 16th May, 1926, to
15th February, 1927.

No. 200 Gar. S. V. Butler, Artillery
Co., from 8th May, 1926, to 7th
March, 1927.

No. 272 Pte. J. B. F. Corley, No. 1
Platoon, from 1st May, 1926, to
31st January, 1927.

No. 222 Pte. O. G. Anderson, Armoured
Car Co., from 30th April, 1926, to
31st May, 1926.

(Continued on next Column.)

THE LATE LORD MILNER. ABBEY MONUMENT TO GREAT EMPIRE-BUILDER.

In a letter signed, among others, by
the Prime Minister (Mr. Stanley Baldwin),
the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Earl of
Balfour, Earl Haig, Viscount Burnham,
Lord Carson, Mr. D. Lloyd George, Mr.
George N. Barnes, Mr. Arthur Henderson,
and Mr. Rudyard Kipling—an appeal is
made for public subscriptions for a monu-
ment to the late Lord Milner, a statesman
whose whole life was devoted to the ser-
vice of the Empire.

It is proposed, in the first instance, to
place a simple monument in the form of
a tablet with a bas-relief in Westminster
Abbey. The Abbey authorities, who have
been approached, have given their full
approval to this part of the project, and
have suggested an appropriate position,
adjoining that of a similar memorial to
the late Lord Cromer.

It is hoped also not only to commemo-
rate but to perpetuate Lord Milner's
life's work, and it is proposed, with this
object, to establish a scheme of travelling
and research fellowships and monetary
prizes for the encouragement of the study
of Imperial development and of social
betterment.

"ROSE MARIE" ANNIVERSARY.

"Rose Marie" broke a 253 years' re-
cord at the Drury-lane Theatre last
month. It is the first play since the
famous theatre was opened on May 7th,
1683, to run for a year.

In the old days long runs were not
usual, nor were they for many years after
the opening of the present building in
October, 1812. The longest run of recent
years was attained by "The Whip," with
383 performances, other successes being
"Decameron Nights," 371 performances,
and "Good Luck," 260 performances.

"Rose Marie" was first played on March
30th, 1925. It is estimated that nearly a
million people have seen the play at
Drury-lane alone. Nearly fifteen hundred
costumes have been used by the chorus
of sixty-five girls.

13.—RESIGNATION.

No. 231 Sergt. J. K. Shaw, Mounted
Infantry Co., is permitted to resign from
the Corps, as from 15th April, 1926.

G. E. SWINTON, Capt.,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.
Hongkong, 30th April, 1926.

NOTICE.

SMOKING CONCERT AND PRESENTATION
OF PRIZES.

At 9.15 p.m. on Friday, 7th May.

It is hoped that there will be a good
attendance and that all prize winners
will make a point of being present and
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POPULAR PLAYS RUNNING IN LONDON.

"PLAYS THAT MAKE YOU
LAUGH."

The Theatrical Correspondent of the
Daily Mail says:—

London has 16 definitely laughing
theatrical entertainments running at
present. They range from revue, which
is showing signs of decline, to ballad
opera, which is showing signs of revival.
It is significant that more than half
these 16 plays come from foreign sources,
and that, with about two exceptions,
the imported productions are proving the
most popular.

London's three biggest musical play
successes, "No No Nanette," "Rose
Marie," and "Mercurial Mary" come
from the United States. "Rose Marie,"
despite the presence of so English a
comedian as Mr. Nelson Keys in it, is
definitely Canadian in its atmosphere,
but both "No No Nanette"—with Mr.
George Grossmith and Mr. Joseph Coyne
fooling brilliantly and Miss Binnie Hale
to aid and abet them—and "Mercurial
Mary"—with melancholy Mr. A. W.
Baskcomb, lively Miss Peggy O'Neill, and
comic little Mr. Lew Hearn—are not
localised in any particular.

"Kid Boots," which concerns a golf
caddy so named—a long and exhausting
part played with great comic invention
by Mr. Leslie Henson—comes from the
United States, and "The Blue Kitten,"
in which Mr. W. H. Berry has the chief
part, and "Katja" is the foreign play
with the longest run here, and it owes a
good deal to Mr. Gene Gerrard, an Eng-
lish comedian comparatively new to
London.

"HOME-MADE" PIECES.
The "home made" musical pieces
include two revues in "Palladium
Pleasures," with that funny little man,
Mr. Billy Merson, at its head, and
"R.S.V.P.," which has in Mr. Robert
Hale a master of burlesque.

"Turned Up," which is an old fashion-
ed farce twisted into a play with songs
(Continued on next Column.)

VALUE OF ADVERTISING.

The value of advertising was referred
to at the annual conference at the Guild-
hall, London, E.C., of the National
Federation of Fruit and Potato Traders'
Association, Ltd.

Mr. John Fitzpatrick, of Liverpool,
chairman of the propaganda board, said
the board attached so much importance
to advertising that if the money could not
be raised for the purpose through the
organisation they recommended that the
National Farmers' Union, in conjunction
with the Board of Agriculture and all
growers' associations, should consider
ways and means—even legislation if
necessary—to raise an advertising fund
of £100,000 per annum, which would re-
present a tax upon the industry of £d.
in the £. For advertising, he said, the
board would use the people's great en-
cyclopaedia—the Press—which taught
40,000,000 people a day.

and dances, with Miss Anita Elson, Mr.
Leo Franklyn, a new and promising
comedian, and Mr. Lupino Lane, one of
the best "tumbling" comedians on the
stage, is also "Home made," as is "Mr.
Peppys," a ballad opera, full of delightful
little sketches of song, and a type of play
which may shortly be copied in other
directions.

There are half a dozen funny plays
without music and four of them are
among the big successes of the moment.
They are "The Farmer's Wife," which
started as a failure and is now on its
laughing way to its thousandth perform-
ance; "A Cuckoo in the Nest," a
farceful comedy deliciously played by
among others, Miss Yvonne Arnaud, Mr.
Tom Walls, and Mr. Ralph Lynn; "Zat
So!" which has brought to London
two comedians comparable with "Potash
and Perlmutter" for the amount of
laughter they create; "The Best People,"
a continuously amusing piece about two
young people and their elders, in which
Miss Olga Lindo is making a very big
hit; and "Mr. Abdullah" and "The
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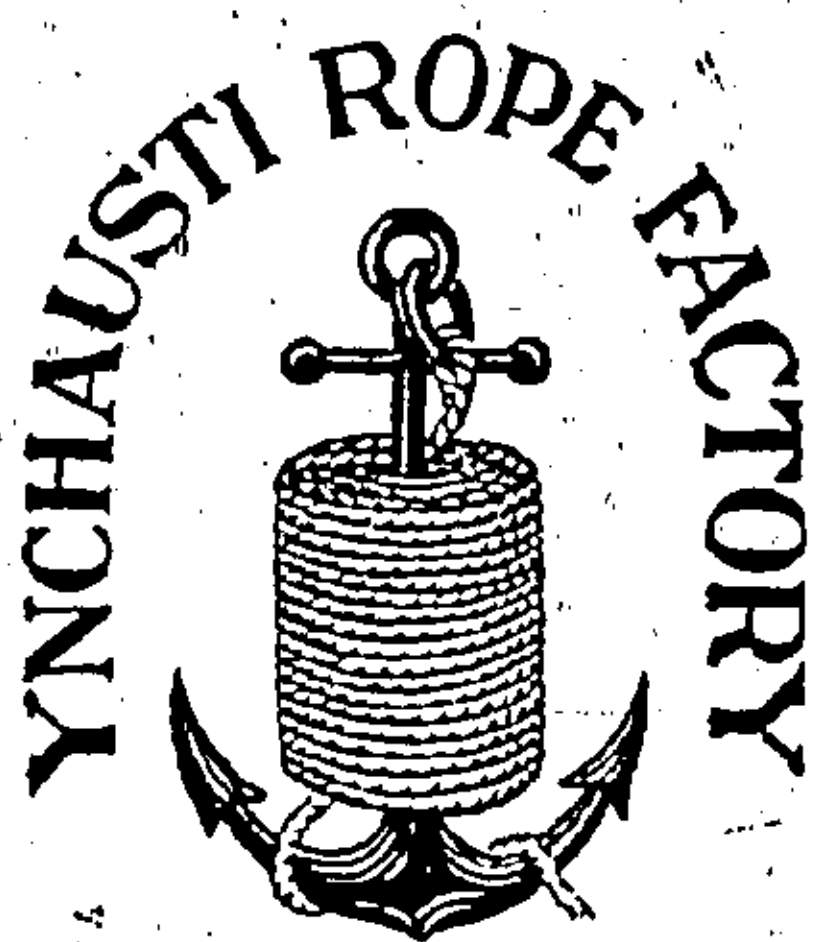
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COMPANY MEETING.

THE RURAL LAND INVESTMENT
CO., LTD.

PROGRESS ON PEAK PROPERTY.

The first ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Rural Land Investment Co., Ltd., was held at the offices of the Company, Asiatic Building, yesterday at 12 noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1925.

The Statement of Accounts as submitted, showed a loss on the year of \$911.89, which it was proposed to carry forward to 1926.

Mr. Fred Ellis (Managing Director) presided, and other Directors present were Messrs. Leung Yan Po, F. M. Ellis and G. K. Hall Brutton, with Mr. H. Stretton Hill (Secretary). The following shareholders were also present:—Messrs. E. de Arcual, J. S. Alvarez, V. Benjamin, L. Young and Miss Sousa.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said: Gentlemen,—The Report and Statement of Accounts having been in your hands for over a week, I will, with your permission, adopt the usual course and take them as read.

These, as you will notice, cover the period up to 31st December last, and it gives me great pleasure to inform you that since then the work on the Company's property at the Peak, situate on Rural Building Lot 78, has made very satisfactory progress, and but for the stoppage due to rain, one half of these residential flats would have been ready for occupation by next June. However, given good weather during the next three months, I venture to hope that they will be ready for tenants in August next when we might justifiably expect them to begin bringing us a revenue.

The flats in question are 24 in number, 12 of which consist of 3 rooms and 12 of 6 rooms each, with all modern conveniences and ample out-houses. We have already received more than 50 applications, 10 of which have been confirmed at rentals highly favourable to our Company.

With reference to Rural Building Lot No. 2437, I have to inform you that owing to the great amount of granite found on the site, development work has been somewhat delayed. The original plans concerning this site did not provide for suitable approaches to the property and access thereto was rendered very difficult, but an amended plan has been prepared which provides for the construction of a roadway permitting access to the doorways of the projected houses.

Owing to the difficult financial conditions prevailing in the Colony, your Directors have thought it undesirable to proceed further with the development of Rural Building Lots 230 to 233 until such time as conditions show some sign of improvement.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented, and after this, has been seconded and passed, I shall be glad to answer any questions from shareholders.

Mr. V. BENJAMIN seconded, and the Report and Statement of Accounts were adopted unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS.

On the proposition of Mr. E. de Arcual, seconded by Mr. Young, Messrs. Leung Yan Po and F. M. Ellis were re-elected as Directors.

On the proposition of Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, seconded by Mr. Leung Yan Po, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected as auditors at a remuneration to be agreed upon.

The CHAIRMAN: That is all the business of the meeting, and I thank you for your attendance.

9 DIRECTORS, £3.

CHEAP MANAGEMENT OF £300,000 COMPANY.

An interesting item in the accounts of the International Automatic Telephone Company, whose profit of £100,558 for 1925, against £21,301 for 1924, is "directors' fees, £3." There are nine directors. Besides the 10 per cent. dividend on the Ordinary and Deferred shares, £10,000 is placed to general reserve.

This company holds more than half the Preference and Ordinary shares of the Automatic Telephone Manufacturing Co., Ltd., and has acquired licences from the Automatic Electric Co. (Chicago) to operate and use inventions relating to automatic telephones. The issued capital of the International Company is £200,000.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

Notice is given in *The London Gazette* that the King's birthday will be celebrated in London and at all stations both at home and abroad on June 5th.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

April 29th, 1926.	
Hongkong Bank	\$105 buy.
Do. London	\$105 buy.
Chartered Bank	\$200 nom.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	\$200 buy.
Do.	\$215 buy.
P. & O. Bank	\$294 nom.
East Asia Bank	\$298 nom.
Canton Insurance	\$225 buy.
China Underwriters	\$130 buy.
North China Insurance	\$145 nom.
Union Insurance	\$298 buy.
Yangtze Insurance	\$39 nom.
China Fire Insurance	\$170 buy.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	\$550 buy.
Douglas	\$23 nom.
H.K. & M. Steamboats	\$38 sel.
Hongkong Tugs	\$24 sel.
Indo-China (Pref.)	\$38 nom.
Do. (Def.)	\$40 nom.
Shell Transport	\$78 buy.
Star Line	\$81 buy.
Waterboats	\$15 nom.
Oriental Navigations	\$250 nom.
China Sugars	\$26 nom.
Malacca Sugars	\$26 nom.
Benguet	\$14 buy.
Kailan Mining Ad.	\$42 buy.
Langkat (combined)	\$124 nom.
Do. (single)	\$124 nom.
Shanghai Explorations	\$14 buy.
Shanghai Loans	\$14 nom.
Do.	\$14 nom.
Tromch Mines	\$5 nom.
Ural Caspian	\$9 nom.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$128 buy.
Hongkong	\$165 buy.
New Engineering	\$124 buy.
Shanghai Docks	\$107 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$94 buy, \$85 sel., \$70/9/10.
Hongkong Lands	\$63 sel.
Hongkong Realty (a.p.)	\$8 nom.
H.K. Territorial (a.p.)	\$5 nom.
Humphreys Estates	\$154 nom.
Prince's Buildings	\$100 nom.
Rural Lands	\$7 nom.
Two Cottons	\$14, 1035 buy.
Oriental	\$14, 320 buy.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	\$14, 62 buy.
Do. (new)	\$14, 27 buy.
Amusements	\$11 nom.
Canton Ice	\$74 nom.
Cements (combined)	\$154 buy.
Do. (old)	\$13 buy.
Do. (new)	\$3 nom.
China Buses	\$14, 103 buy.
China Lights (combined)	\$14, 103 buy.
Do. (old)	\$18 buy.
Do. (new)	\$11 nom.
China Providents	\$8 sel., 64 ss.
Constructions	\$24 nom.
Dairy Farms	\$20 nom.
Der A Wing (a.p.)	\$10 nom.
Hongkong Electric	\$38 buy.
Macao Electric	\$40 nom.
H.K. Developments	\$25 cts. nom.
H.K. Pipes (combined)	\$30 sel.
Do. (old)	\$10 sel.
Do. (new)	\$5 sel.
Hongkong Tramways	\$24, 20 buy.
Lane Crawford	\$104 sel.
Mackintosh	\$212 nom.
Peak Trams (old)	\$174 buy.
Do. (new)	\$174 buy.
Sincere	\$11 nom.
Taxis	\$40 sel.
United Assets	\$30 nom.
Water (old)	\$12 buy.
Wm. Powell	\$10 nom.
Singapore Tractions	\$3 sel.

buy—buyers; sel.—sellers; ss.—sales; nom.—nominal.

SINGAPORE RUBBER SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Caifrol Bros, yesterday received by cable the following quotations:—

Allenbys	Stroits \$3.25
Alor Gajah	2.90
Amalgamated Malays	4.75
Ayer Moleks	2.90
Ayer Panas	14.50
Balgownie	4.70
Bassett	1.50
Brogas	1.75
Bukit Jelutong	1.20
Bukit Katils	1.30
Changkat Serdangs	9.80
Connemaras	2.70
Glencalys	3.10
Indragiris	11.25
Jerams	1.80
Jimahs	2.70
Kedahs	4.50
Kempas	10.25
Kuala Sidims	4.00
Lunas	3.10
Malakka Pindas	5.00
Malakoff	0.80
Mandai Tokong	15.00
Mayfields	0.65
Mentakabs	0.65
New Serendabs	4.90
Pajamas	14.50
Punggors	1.35
Sandycrofts	3.90
Soudais	3.15
Sungei Bagans	4.25
Tapahs	31.25
Tambalaks	1.35
Teluk Ansons	15.00
United Malaccas	2.90
Utun Simpans	4.80
Price of raw rubber 70 1/2 per lb.	

DIVIDENDS.

Interim:
Glencalys 15 per cent.
Sungei Bagans 10 per cent.
Final:
Changkat Serdangs 25 per cent.

WIRELESS TELEGRAMS FROM ENGLAND TO RUSSIA.

Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., Ltd., announce that a wireless service from Radio House, Wilson Street, E.C.2, to Moscow was inaugurated on March 31st. Private and commercial telegrams will be accepted at any Marconi office for wireless transmission to Moscow or any part of Russia facilities having been arranged for the rapid distribution of such messages throughout the country.

I see no reason why Britain should not prosper in the next twenty years more than ever before.—Mr. A. B. Houghton (U.S. Ambassador in London).

TO-DAY & TO-MORROW
(9.15 EXCEPTED.)

METRO

PRESENT

BARBARA LA MARR
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THE SHOOTING OF DAN McGREW

FROM

"THE SPELL OF THE YUKON"

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HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, April 29th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.80	29.97	30.01
Temperature	73	69	69
Humidity	88	75	80
Wind Direction	E	NNE	East
Force	2	2	3
Weather	O	O	O
Rain	3.75	0.00	0.17

Highest open-air Temperature on 29th ... 77

Lowest open-air Temperature on 29th ... 68

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 30th to May 6th, 1926.

		High Water.		Low Water.	
Day of Week	Day of Month	H'kong, Standard Time.	Height.	H'kong, Standard Time.	Height.
Fri.	30	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		10 14	7 0	4 23	2 8
Satur.	1	10 48	7 1	4 45	3 0
Sun.	2	0 47	4 4	5 9	3 3
Mon.	3	11 27	7 1	7 14	1 1
		2 18	4 1	8 35	3 6
Tues.	4	3 57	6 9	8 24	1 2
		1 19	6 6	9 42	1 3
Wed.	5	2 24	4 2	7 9	4 1
		2 39	6 8	10 53	1 3
Thurs.	6	6 18	4 5	9 42	4 3
		4 27	6 0		

All Government is based on the illusion that there are a number of wise men in the world.—Mr. Robert Lynd.

The great trouble with the work of the world to-day is that so much of it brings the worker no reward but his wages.—Principal L. P. Jacks.

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CABINETS containing 40 Sheets Note, 6 1/2 by 5 double and 40 Envelopes	\$1.50
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Boxes of 100 Envelopes to match	\$1.25 box
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DAVIS CUP PLAYERS IN ACTION.

BEAT RUMJAHNS.

On account of the soft state of the Hongkong Cricket Club ground, the matches between the Philippines Davis Cup Team and Hongkong arranged for yesterday had to be cancelled, but the Committee of the Ladies Recreation Club stepped into the breach and very hospitably opened their courts to the Filipinos.

Owing to pressure of business, Honda, who would have met Barredo, Singles Champion of the P.I., was unable to play, but a very fast doubles match was witnessed between the Aragon Brothers and the Rumjahns resulting in a win for the Davis Cup pair by three sets to one.

The standard of play was higher than what is seen in the Championships, now going on and it was a battle of tactics from beginning to the end. In courtcraft and combination, however, the local pair showed up better, but the Filipinos more than made up for this by their cannon-like shots which Hongkong seldom sees. The service of the Aragon was a marked superiority over their opponents' and with this advantage they very often kept the Rumjahns back. Francisco showed up very well at smashing and on the whole played the best game of the four. At volleying there was practically no difference between the two pairs, but the wrist work of the Aragon was an object lesson for the local players.

The Filipinos excelled in hard hitting and the pace of their shots could be placed on a par with that of the Japanese Olympic Players who gave an exhibition match here last May. As a pair they form a very formidable combination. Fast in their movements and possessing a good knowledge of the finer points of the doubles game, they proved to the Hongkong people that they had improved a great deal since their last visit here in 1923. Of course, in their ambition to model their game on American lines they very often suffered from inaccuracy in their shots, but in their form they should spring a surprise on the winners of the Mexico-Japan Match whom they are going to meet in the semi-final of the American Zone in the popular and interesting International Matches, called "Davis Cup."

THE PLAY.

The match yesterday opened with the Aragon Brothers forcing the pace, but found the Rumjahns cleverly deflecting their shots to gain a lead of 3-1. The former pair then struck form and after some exciting play won the first set at 6-4. The local pair then challenged the visitors by playing their own game and were highly successful. Against hard hitting the Aragon failed to get their shots in so easily, and the Rumjahns drew level, one set all. The Aragon, however, asserted their superiority by consistent hard hitting and superior net play, keeping their opponents at the base line most of the time. The Rumjahns tried hard to penetrate against this aggressiveness and although they won two games only in each set, play was more even than the scores suggest. The sets ran in favour of the Davis Cup Players 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Subsequently Francisco Aragon beat H. D. Rumjahn at singles by 6-2, and Guillemero Aragon S. A. Rumjahn 6-1.

They leave to-day at noon with Hongkong's best wishes for a successful tour in Japan and America.

TENNIS LEAGUE.

The following have been selected to play for the Cricket Club to-morrow, May 1st, at 4.15 p.m.:

"A" team v. Indian R.C. on the Indian R.C. ground.

A. Breezeley
R. M. Henderson.
A. E. Raworth
E. D. Lawrence.
G. Miskin
E. Grimble.

"B" team v. Indian R.C. "B" on H.K.C.C. ground.

H. J. Armstrong
L. M. S. Lloyd.
W. A. Howers
W. M. Lyons.
H. F. Bloxham
E. J. R. Mitchell.

"C" team v. Chinese Recreation Club "C" on C.R.C. ground.

M. H. Watson
H. G. Sheldon.
W. L. Dunbar
C. B. Hugh Jones.
E. Rankin
A. C. Howell.

FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON TEAM'S GREAT WIN.

Yesterday's game in the Hongkong League resulted as under:

DIVISION I.

Kowloon 3 Hongkong Club 0
Hongkong Police 4 South China 3

KOWLOON v. CLUB.

These teams completed their programme for the season on the H.K.F.C. ground; Kowloon winning by three clear goals, and in so doing, secured the league championship for the season. Having previously won the shield they have made a record for the Colony, taking a double in football honours in one season. Incidentally, they win the League for the first time in their football career.

The Club took the lead after about seventeen minutes' play. Simms beat Rodger with an oblique shot, and Spary running in made certain, by helping the ball into the net. At the interval, Kowloon were leading by the only goal scored. Early in the second half Kowloon scored their second goal, Rodger failing to clear from a centre by Hayes, presenting Spary with an open goal and the latter made the game safe for Kowloon from close range. A fine effort by Key just failed to get home and at the other end Spary almost did the hat trick, Rodger picking the ball off his toe close in.

A good shot by Simms and a splendid save by Rodger were deservedly applauded. McBride had a good opening for the Club but failed. Simms scored the third goal for Kowloon, Rodger making a fine effort to save, but was beaten by a greasy ball. Johnstone was given a good chance by Watson, but failed to get his shot in before Wheeler cleared. Final score: Kowloon, 3; H.K. Club, 0.

POLICE v. SOUTH CHINA.

These teams met in their re-arranged fixture on the Sookunpoo ground before a large attendance. The Police took the lead early in the game but shortly after South China levelled up. The Police playing with nine men only again took the lead and at the interval were leading by two goals to one. Each side scored twice in the second half, the Police winning by 4 to 3.

SOUTH CHINA A.A.

FOURTH ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEETING.

A large number of entries have been made, including at least 135 individual competitors and 22 teams, for the fourth annual athletic meeting of the South China Athletic Association, to be held on the Hongkong Football Ground, Happy Valley, on Sunday, May 2nd, at 2.30 p.m. Altogether there will be some 28 events—track, field, and ball games.

The 400 yards relay has attracted 16 teams. In addition to the principal events, there will be at the interval many displays of the Chinese system of boxing, and arts of self-defence, a feature which should draw those non-Chinese friends who have heard much, but not seen, this art shown at its best. Many members of the South China Athletic Association will give exhibition of this popular form of Chinese physical training.

The committee in charge of the coming meeting includes Messrs. Mok Wing Yue, Lee Yuk Tong, Chow Lin Pao, Choi Ting Yung, Luk Oi Wan, Sooi Pui Sui and Chow Kan Wing.

RUGBY.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH TO BE PLAYED.

A local international match has been fixed to take place on May 15th, when the opposing teams will be England and Wales v. Scotland and Ireland. Members of the Services will be included. It is understood that Commander MacKenzie will captain the Scotland-Ireland fifteen.

The arrangements are in the hands of the Hongkong Football Club, and further details will be announced in due course.

FANLING HUNT.

Sunday, 2nd May.—Hounds will meet at Lok Ma Chau Cross Roads at 10 a.m.

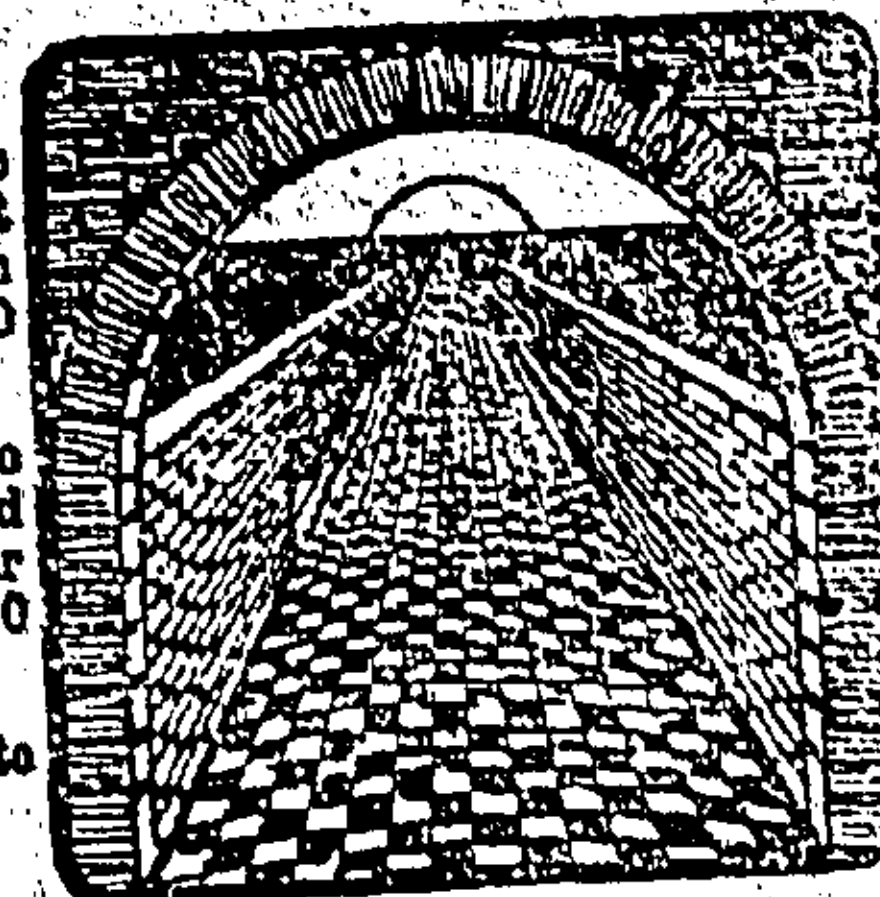
WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report, forecast and remarks by the Royal Observatory, said:

The depression is now central to the North of Tokyo. The anti-cyclone is probably entering the Eastern Sea. Local forecast: East winds, moderate, overcast at first, probably improving later.

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GOOD-BYE TO SHANGHAI.

MR. P. L. KNIGHT, FORMERLY OF HONGKONG.

A very welcome visitor to Shanghai during recent weeks, has been Mr. P. L. Knight, and there will be general regret that he is to say good-bye to Shanghai to-morrow (April 27th), the *N.C. Daily News* says, and adds: It is true that Mr. Knight severed his business connection with Shanghai a year ago, and that his present visit has been solely for the purpose of winding up his private affairs here, but none the less his departure on this occasion is a matter for regret, especially in view of his long association with the Far East in the service of the P. & O. S. N. Co.

Mr. Knight's service in the P. & O. arose out of a distinctly interesting set of circumstances. At the time when he was about to leave school and no profession had been mapped out for him, his uncle, the Rev. John Lister Knight, Rector of Burnham-Thorpe in Norfolk, decided to restore the church there as a national memorial to Nelson. Nelson, it will be remembered, was born at Burnham-Thorpe, where his father was Rector for 40 years, and it was during the 12 years that the Rev. Mr. Knight was Rector that the restoration was undertaken. The Prince of Wales, afterwards King Edward, took part in the committee work connected with the scheme, and at Sandringham many meetings were held to deal with it. Among those who assisted was Sir Thomas Sutherland, then at the head of the P. & O. Co., and in the intangible way in which these things happen the meetings between the Rector and Sir Thomas resulted in Mr. P. L. Knight making his entry into the great shipping office.

INTERESTING TRAVELLERS.

During his early years in the London office of the company Mr. Knight had the experience of witnessing people in the courtyard reading the news of the *Bokhara disaster*. Soon afterwards he went abroad, being sent first to Brindisi, and thereafter he saw service at Suez, Aden, Bombay, Singapore, Colombo, Calcutta, Hongkong and finally at Shanghai.

During his residence at these different ports he had naturally the experience of meeting very many distinguished and interesting people. For instance while he was at Suez he met Sir Reginald Wingate, then Sirdar of the Egyptian Army, while at Aden he took part in the reception on board H.M.S. *Ophir* which called there while on her tour of the Empire and Duchess of York.

One specially interesting man Mr. Knight met in Bombay was Colonel Rhodes of Jameson Raid fame, the brother of Cecil Rhodes, while in subsequent years he came into contact with such men as Lord Northcliffe, Lord Northcliffe was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Knight in the firm's house at Hongkong while on his way home from Japan in 1921.

A FLEET REVOLUTIONIZED.

While it is the lot of men in the service of a great shipping company such as the P. & O. to come into contact with such interesting people as those mentioned above, those who have been in the service for so long a period as Mr. Knight likewise see the revolutionizing of a fleet. For instance when he joined the company the four "jubilee" ships were outstanding—the *Arctica*, *Britannia*, *Victoria* and *Ocean*. Then there were the *Himalaya* and *Australia* afterwards, and the *Caledonia* in a special class by herself. While these were regarded as first-class boats in every respect, the advance that has been made in the succeeding years has been enormous, for to-day the ships going service similar to those mentioned are fitted with lifts, have enormously improved passenger accommodation, with very much larger deck space and very much greater comforts. It is naturally interesting to a man such as Mr. Knight to look back upon these changes, and it is equally so to learn that as a servant of the company he has seldom had anything but expressions of satisfaction and praise from the passengers who have travelled by this line.

PUBLIC WORK IN SHANGHAI.

The turn from Mr. Knight's work in the P. & O. and to note some of his other activities in the Far East, it should be recalled that he was a Justice of the Peace while resident in Hongkong. Coming to Shanghai he served on the Committees of the Navy League and the Missions to Seamen, while for two years he was on the Municipal Council. During that term of office he was on the Watch Committee—no small matter considering the arduous times encountered in 1924 when war was on the boundaries of the Settlement—the Foreign Education Committee and the Health Committee, of which last mentioned he was chairman for a year.

Other public activities included the chairmanship of the China Homeward Freight Conference and chairmanship of the Whampoa Conservancy Consultative Board. During his tenure of this latter office Mr. Knight had special opportunities for consideration of the future of the port, and provided that there is some recognized and reliable government, he has no doubt as to the port's future.

Mr. Knight leaves by the *Maedonia* and he will take the best wishes of all with him for a very pleasant time in England.

MODEL PICKETS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Canton Strike Committee enforcing the boycott has decided to organize two more picket companies. This time, the Committee says, the new companies will be a model ones—only good men are to be enlisted. It may be remarked that some of the existing pickets are far from being models, seeing that in the last few days a number have been killed by persons objecting to their interference in Canton Harbour.

THE WING ON CASE. COUNSEL ON "SUSPICIONS" AS EVIDENCE.

FIRST PRISONER IN THE WITNESS-BOX.

The Wing On case was continued before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, appeared with Mr. H. G. Sheldon for the prosecution (both instructed by Mr. Bulmer Johnson, of Messrs. Hastings, Denny & Bowley). Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mr. Elsie Zeitlyn, (instructed by Mr. G. E. Hall, Bruton and Mr. Leo d'Almada) appeared for the respective prisoners.

A MISSING ENVELOPE.

When the hearing was resumed in the morning, Mr. Jenkin called Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson, partner in the firm of Messrs. Hastings, Denny & Bowley, solicitors, to give evidence concerning the custody of one of the deposit books.

In reply to Mr. Zeitlyn, witness said that the label did not come off shortly after photographs of the exhibit were taken by Mr. Dovey (the Government analyst). Without such photographs the Wing On Co. were unwilling to answer the interrogatories. He explained that the exhibit was in an envelope in the safe and in taking the exhibit from the envelope after it was taken from the safe on the next occasion, the two became detached. The envelope which contained "Emma" was one of the Wing On Bank's own envelopes. He could not say whether the characters on it were the same as on the cover of the exhibit as he could not read Chinese characters. He did not think he would be able to find the envelope. He did not know what had become of it.

Mr. Zeitlyn asked witness questions relating to the delay which had occurred in the preparation of exhibits. They had actually been prepared in June, 1925, and it was not until September, 1925, that answers were given to questions in respect of the civil action brought against the Wing On Bank. The interrogatories in respect of which the photographs were made were put to witness in December, 1924.

Mr. Zeitlyn: And your firm, shortly after receipt of them, wrote to Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, who at that time had the custody of the exhibit "Nina," asking for that book for the purpose of taking the photographs which were actually not prepared until June of the following year. In the meantime, you did nothing—I gave instructions to counsel on March 31st to answer the interrogatories.

Mr. Zeitlyn: And on January 21st, 1925, you had received a letter from the solicitors of the plaintiff, now first defendant, asking you for your reply. You did not reply to that. Apparently not.

Re-examined by Mr. Jenkin, witness said that the delay was due to the other side not pressing the case and to the advice of counsel.

Mr. Jenkin: They did not appear to be worrying about the matter?—No.

Mr. Jenkin: And neither did you?—No.

Mr. Hugh Jones, of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, gave evidence with regard to accepting the custody of the original deposit book "Nina" from Mr. D. H. Blake, when the latter went home.

EXPERT EVIDENCE TO BE CALLED.

Mr. Zeitlyn then addressed the jury. He would not at this stage, he said, indulge in anything like criticism directed at the case as presented for the prosecution. He would studiously refrain from commenting on the very strange medley which his learned friends called evidence which was presented before His Lordship and the jury. He would say nothing as to the inferences, conjectures and the suspicions which at the proper time, in his submission to the jury, he would ask them to say was the sole quality of the case presented for the prosecution.

Counsel went on to detail the career of the first prisoner, who was 33 years of age, having lived 17 of those years in Hongkong. He mentioned the responsible positions he had held and described how defendant, having resigned, together with others, from a local bank, determined to start one of his own and went to Canton for the purpose of raising money.

Mr. Zeitlyn described how the first defendant, after raising the money, a complete account book of which was in solicitors' hands, had been raised and how that, having received payment of

\$30,000 from a man named Mok in Hongkong, he went to the Wing On Bank to deposit the money, following it up with \$30,000 which was not needed for a personal loan. The very documents cited by the prosecution proved this, he said.

Commenting on the delay in the hearing of the civil action, Mr. Zeitlyn said that the other side refused to answer interrogatories, and, more in sorrow than in anger, he added, he must say that it lay ill on the lips of his learned friend (Mr. Jenkin) to say that Au Kim Lui could have taken other steps. They had heard on Wednesday, too, that Au was short of money, and shortness of money was often a serious impediment in the course of justice.

He was going to call expert evidence to show that the labels on "Nina" and "Emma" were written by one and the same man.

Mr. Jenkin (interposing): Two men have given evidence that the writing was different and it was not challenged.

After looking up evidence, his Lordship said there was a suggestion that it would be challenged, and he could not prevent Mr. Zeitlyn from calling the evidence.

MR. ALABASTER'S APPLICATION.

Mr. Alabaster, addressing his Lordship on the second prisoner's behalf, submitted that the second count should be struck out. He was charged with having on May 3rd committed a definite act with Au Kim Lui in uttering a forged deposit book, and the evidence did not show that he was even in the Colony. The first time the prosecution case brought him into the Colony was some two years after the alleged offence, and, moreover, they had had a witness in the box who had said that only one person uttered the deposit book, and in fact that the person was neither of the prisoners. Similarly he urged the striking out of the third count. The same remarks applied, since that offence was alleged to have been committed May 4th. The fourth count, that of endeavouring to withdraw money on August 13th, should also be erased. What he had already said applied to the fourth count also, but in addition he would say that there was a total hiatus of evidence. There was nothing to connect the second prisoner with the fourth count at all. The only witness from the Industrial and Commercial Bank had said that the bank's chop was on exhibit "N" but the matter did not pass through his hands.

His Lordship, after some hesitation, said that he thought it better that this should go before the jury as a whole.

FIRST PRISONER'S EVIDENCE.

Au Kim Lui, the first prisoner, went into the witness-box. He spoke of his acquaintance with Mok, the other prisoner, who had decamped whilst on bail, and with the second prisoner. Early in the Spring of 1923, he lent Mok \$50,000, and sometime later went on a visit to Canton.

A day after he had returned he met Mok and asked him for the return of the money he had lent him. The next day he visited Mok in his office and eventually he went with him to the Bank of East Asia. There Mok presented a cheque and drew out \$75,000 and returned to him the \$50,000. He then went to Wing On Bank and deposited \$30,000 in the name of Kwong Cheong. He received a deposit book. On the 27th April he returned to the Bank and deposited the other \$30,000. He had originally retained this amount for a mortgage, but it was not needed. He retained possession of the deposit book up to the time he desired to withdraw the money from the bank on August 13th, 1923, when he opened an account in the Industrial and Commercial Bank.

Later in the day he received a communication from the Industrial and Commercial Bank, and he saw the assistant manager. He was informed that the Wing On Bank had refused to pay the money. The manager of the Wing On Co. who was also present, told him that the money had already been collected, and intimated that the money would not be paid.

Continuing, he said, that even when he asked the Wing On Bank for the return of the book it was not given to him. He, however, received a receipt, and later consulted Mr. Blake regarding the matter. Mr. Blake, the assistant manager of the Industrial and Commercial Company, and himself then went to the Wing On Bank, and there they saw the assistant manager. He, too, refused to hand over the deposit book, but next day, on August 14th, it was sent to him. On being further refused the return of the money, he instituted

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LIGHTER MEN'S STRIKE AT CANTON. RICE-JUNKS MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENT.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The trade junk carrying rice into Canton Harbour from other ports have begun to employ their own lighters to transfer cargo to the shore, dispensing with the service of the regular lighters whose men have been on strike for some time. The Police in Canton have assured the junks protection, saying that either the lightermen must work or others must be allowed to do so. A third party is not to be made a sufferer in a dispute in which he is not concerned.

INDIAN CLERK CHARGED. CHARGES TOO SERIOUS TO ALLOW BAIL.

Before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, Mohamed Rajah Salleh, a clerk at the Ordnance Office, was charged on two counts with possession of sulphide of arsenic and potassium chlorate.

Detective-Inspector T. Murphy applied for a week's remand, stating that the potassium chlorate had not as yet been analysed. He opposed bail.

Mr. A. el Arculli defended and raised the question of bail.

His Worship, however, considered the charges to be serious, and refused the application.

It is anticipated that the prosecution will allege that the chemicals are explosive ingredients, and can be used for making bombs.

Hearing was fixed for Thursday next.

INGENIOUSLY CONCEALED HEROIN. FRENCHMAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION.

Joseph Torre, a French commercial traveller, residing at the Astor House Hotel, was charged at the Central Magistracy yesterday, with possession of a quantity of heroin. The exact quantity had not been ascertained, but it was stated that 3½ ounces had already been found.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd, superintendent of imports and exports, who prosecuted, said that the drug was in a number of bottles which had been found in defendant's possession. The bottles contained chalk and starch, but a roll of wax paper had been inserted in the middle of each bottle. The drug was found in tubes wrapped up in cotton wool. Each tube contained about three grammes.

Defendant admitted the offence. Hearing was fixed for to-morrow at 11 a.m.

a civil action against the Wing On Bank. He empowered his eldest brother and Chan Sham to act on his behalf. He then went to Peking and was away from Hongkong for some fifty days.

LOANS TO CHAN SHAM.

Chan Sham had asked him several times for loans of money. He had lent him sums of \$50 and \$30, but on his return from Peking he refused to comply with Chan Sham's request for more loans.

THE "COUNTRY YOKEL" MISSING.

When Mr. Zeitlyn concluded his examination, Mr. Jenkin before beginning his cross-examination, informed his Lordship that following a request made by the solicitors for the defence, he had asked for the further appearance of Tam Lay, the witness who at Wednesday's proceeding was severely censured for refusing to answer a question put by Mr. Alabaster. Tam Lay, however, could not be found, and it was likely that he had bolted.

A TOTAL DENIAL.

Replying to Mr. Jenkin, Au Kim Lui said that he did not know that both deposit books were sent to Messrs. Hastings, Denny & Bowley on the afternoon of August 13th. He did not suggest that anyone in the Wing On Company had taken off the label from one book and affixed it to the other, but when he had heard of it, it came as a great surprise to him.

He was previously employed in a Chinese Bank at \$65 to \$70 a month. He later became a share and mortgage broker and had carried on business for about two years. He had, however, saved between \$12,000 to \$13,000 having deposits in three banks in the Colony. He also had \$10,000 worth of bonds. He took these to Peking.

Mr. Jenkin was questioning prisoner concerning numerous speculations which he stated he had made, when the hearing was adjourned until to-day.

CONSPIRACY TO DEFAUD. MANAGING PARTNER SENT TO PRISON. DEFENDANT DESCRIBED AS HOPELESS.

The case in which the Managing Partner of a Chinese firm of merchants was charged, with another man not in custody, with conspiring to defraud the Hin Yick firm, Wing Lok Street, of \$8,200, was concluded at the Central Magistracy yesterday, Mr. R. E. Lindsell sentenced the defendant to three months' imprisonment.

Mr. E. Davidson appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. T. J. Prior defended.

Previous evidence given in this case showed that the firm in question was one of Californian merchants, and like many similar firms, it had a number of depositors. Troubles developed and no business was done for some time. Early this year, three partners, including the defendant, decided to dispose of a piece of property. With the money received it was proposed to pay off certain encumbrances and to pay the remainder to the depositors in the form of a dividend. A claim was eventually received which was alleged to be a fraudulent one.

Certain promissory notes mentioned in the course of the case were claimed by an accountant of the firm to be forgeries; while certain depositors of the firm also stated in previous evidence that they made application to defendant for the return of the money they had deposited with the firm, and were unable to get it from him.

Mr. Prior, for the defence, said that an agent was appointed by the defendant to make certain payments to depositors on behalf of the firm, but whether these payments were made or not, defendant did not know. They had not seen this agent, who was a relative of the defendants since the Court proceedings started. They believed, however, that he did make the payments, although it was stated by the prosecution that payments had not been made to the depositors concerned.

Defendant, giving evidence, stated that the agent, who was a relative, asked him for the repayment of several thousand dollars the Hin Yick firm owed him. Defendant put him off and then gave him the promissory notes and asked the agent, who agreed, to pay the people concerned. He understood that the people had been paid, but he never received the promissory notes back.

DEPENDANT LYING.

After lengthy cross-examination, during which defendant gave a different version and explanation of affairs than had been indicated by the defence. Mr. Lindsell interposed that defendant was lying and that he had been lying ever since he went into the witness-box.

Mr. Prior addressing His Worship, said it would be seen from the evidence how simple the defendant was and how easily he could be imposed upon. It was for the prosecution to prove that defendant knew that his agent had not paid the money to the people concerned. Mr. Prior went on to argue that defendant was a man on whom it was very easy to impose and submitted that he was not a man capable of conceiving a fraud of the kind which the prosecution were attempting to throw upon his shoulders.

It was a clever fraud, and the man who was clever enough to invent it was clever enough to impose upon the defendant. His Worship would see how hopeless defendant was and how slow he was and how shallow. His lies had been exceedingly shallow. He did not think that defendant realised even now what had happened.

Mr. Lindsell convicted defendant and remarked that it was quite clear that he was a party to a deliberate attempt to defraud the depositors of the firm.

"Had it not been for his age," concluded Mr. Lindsell, "I would have given him six months, but taking into consideration his age, I give him three months. It is not a case for a fine."

CORRESPONDENCE. FEMALE FRANCHISE.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—Rumour hath it that the postponement of the election to the Sanitary Board is due to there being no complete list of voters. Is it perhaps that the Government is adding some women's names to the voting list? Surely it is time that women should be given the vote and the right to sit on public Councils and Boards in this colony.—Yours truly,
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THE FORTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersecretary on TUESDAY, 1st MAY, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended the 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

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AMERICA AND RUBBER.

The recent announcement by the Colonial Office, that while allowing a full hundred per cent. export of "standard rubber production," from Malaya and Ceylon, the Stevenson Restriction scheme is to be preserved for application if in any one quarter of the year the price of rubber falls below an average of 1s. 9d. per lb. has provided the Department of Commerce at Washington with another opportunity for a kick at the official protection of the rubber-growing industry in the British Colonies. "This continued price-fixing by the British Colonial Authorities," says a statement issued at Washington, "will simply mean continued conservation of the use of rubber by American consumers, more activity in the reclamation of used rubber and in securing our own sources of supply." We are further told that the users of motor-cars in the United States have reduced the consumption of tyres by twenty-five per cent. as a result of Mr. Hoover's campaign. Judging from the enormous profits which the tyre-manufacturers of the United States have

been showing recently in their balance-sheets there may be another explanation of this "conservation of the use of rubber" by users of motor-cars.

Mr. Hoover's campaign is likely to have a boomerang effect in the course of the next three or four years. There is a consensus of expert opinion in the rubber growing industry that the world's demand for rubber will very soon be exceeding the supply; but Mr. Hoover's constant warnings must, if they are widely needed by planters, have the unhappy result of delaying efforts to meet such a situation. Rubber does not grow as rapidly as mushrooms; it takes about seven years for a rubber tree to reach the bearing stage and the longer new planting is delayed now, the greater the likelihood of a shortage if expert calculations of the progress of production and consumption can be relied upon.

It is not without interest to observe that Mr. Hoover's campaign has been as trenchantly criticised by Americans with knowledge of the industry as it has by British experts. Not long ago we saw the American journal *Commerce and Finance* saying: "It is to the credit of the American Press that it has not joined in the hysterical clamour against the British rubber-growing industry that Secretary Hoover has set up, nor published all the misinformation that has been put into circulation without analyzing it and showing its essential falsity." It will be remembered that Mr. Hoover staggered the world some months ago by saying that because of the Stevenson Restriction Scheme American consumers of rubber had to pay last year \$500,000,000 above "the fair price" for rubber. He arrived at this figure by the simple expedient of taking the cost price of rubber of the day and overlooking the important fact that the American manufacturers had made sure of their supplies by forward contracts made at very much lower prices. Indeed one American expert's calculation showed that Mr. Hoover's figure of \$500,000,000 as "excess cost" had to be reduced to less than \$200,000,000 to be anywhere near the mark.

It still seems to be a debatable question, even among British rubber growers, whether the Stevenson restriction scheme was "responsible for the price advance which took place soon after its inauguration. There are those who argue that this rise in price was the natural result of a greatly increased demand for rubber. Moreover, it has to be remembered that while restriction has been in force in the British Colonies, the native production in Dutch India has been greatly stimulated. Thus the native production in Netherlands India in the five years before Restriction came into force in the British Colonies averaged only 7,500 tons a year; in 1922, in spite of low prices, it rose to 25,000 tons, and the better prices have continued to stimulate that production since.

What the Stevenson scheme has done for rubber in the British Colonies has been to preserve a great industry in which a large amount of capital had been invested from utter demoralisation. It is for a precisely similar reason, we take it, that a proposal has been recently made to restrict the Cuban sugar output, and, curiously enough, Mr. Hoover has been credited with the authorship of that proposal! If that is the case, enough is said.

There is a limit to "the conservation of the use of rubber," and while there may be "more activity in the reclamation of used rubber," it remains to be seen whether there will be greater success in the effort. As to American consumers securing their own sources of supply, nobody will quarrel with them for that. The doors of the British Colonies have never been closed to their enterprise. They simply have never been attracted to engage in an industry which past experience showed to be highly speculative. It is an industry that required years of nursing. If British capitalists had shown an equal lack of confidence in it, the great rubber manufacturing industry that exists in America to-day could not have developed. A lot of money has been lost in the rubber growing industry; an immense amount of British capital is still invested in it, and there is just as much reason why the British Government should seek to protect the industries carried on in its territories from ruin, as that the United States, by high tariffs and restricted exports, should seek to protect its own.

It is announced that a constant supply of water will be turned on in all rider main districts of the Colony from to-morrow.

The Committee of the Peak Club have arranged with Mr. Dick Norton for a performance to be given by "The Globe Trotters" at the Peak Club on Monday evening next.

A Chinese messenger in the employment of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., was bitten yesterday by a dog owned by Mr. N. L. H. Railton, of No. 106, The Peak. The animal was sent to Kennedy Town.

A report has been made to the police that a sum of \$75 was stolen from a writing desk at the Boy Scouts' Headquarters, Lower Albert Road, sometime between Tuesday evening and Wednesday.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese was fined \$1 for having been drunk and disorderly near the Hongkong Club on the previous night. He was also fined \$1 for having assaulted an Indian watchman.

Among the passengers arriving by the s.s. *President Taft* yesterday from the North were Mr. M. K. Chanson, Mr. Wallis Betts, Mrs. E. Middleton, Mrs. Stewart Mason, Mr. N. Ott and Mr. M. T. Young.

On Wednesday, a Chinese called at the house of Mr. J. V. Dodd, interpreter at the Supreme Court, and informed Mrs. Dodd that the master had asked him to call for some clothes. The clothes, which were valued at \$27, were handed over. It was only on Mr. Dodd's return in the evening that the "trick" was discovered.

Mr. J. Th. de Vries, agent of the Holland China Trading Company in Canton, has been in charge of the Netherlands Consulate at Canton as acting Consul since April 15th. Mr. G. Woudenberg, formerly acting Netherlands Consul in Canton, has rejoined the Holland China Trading Company in Hongkong.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, the driver of a bus was charged with dangerous driving and with failing to have efficient brakes. Evidence was given to the effect that the defendant, whilst driving his bus ran into four rickshaws in Gascoigne Road on the 23rd inst. The coolies had to be treated in hospital. The case was adjourned.

Owing to the heavy rains two landslides occurred in Stubbs Road on Wednesday, and traffic was held up for some time. In the larger of the two slides, about 100 tons of earth fell into the roadway. The same day, a retaining wall at the rear of No. 43, Pokfulam Road, collapsed, and a large quantity of earth obstructed the back lane.

The forthcoming weddings are announced of Mr. Walter John Smith Key, civil engineer, of the Port Development Department, residing at No. 2A, Cambay Building, Kowloon, to Miss A. B. Macfarlane, assistant mistress, Education Department, residing at Kingsclere, Kowloon; and Mr. Francisco Maria Franco, of No. 7, Nanking Street, Kowloon, to Miss Celeste Julia Castro, of St. Joseph's Buildings.

A case of highway robbery in the Pokfulam district was reported to the police yesterday. A house-boy residing at No. 7, Felix Villas, Jubilee Road, Pokfulam, was proceeding home from Hongkong on Wednesday evening, about six o'clock, by way of Kennedy Town and Jubilee Road. When near Military Path, leading to Mount Davis, he was accosted by two men, one of whom was armed with a dagger. They seized him and searched him, and stole \$1.50. The boy gave a good description of his assailants to the police, and it appears that they are Northern Chinese.

There was a large and distinguished gathering at the Singapore Club when Sir Arthur Yapp, K.B.E., General Secretary of the National Council of Y.M.C.A.s of Great Britain and Ireland, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by Mr. G. W. A. Trimmer, President of the Y.M.C.A. in Singapore. Amongst those present were His Excellency Major-General Sir Theodore Fraser G.O.C., and the Bishop of Singapore and several members of the Civil Service. Sir Arthur Yapp is due to arrive in Hongkong to-morrow.

Yesterday, a revenue officer found one revolver and 800 rounds of ammunition in the servants' quarters on board the s.s. *Hyson*.

Mr. L. E. Curwood, of 9, Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon, reported to the police yesterday that whilst riding his motorcycle near his residence an Alsatian wolf hound rushed at him and bit him in the leg. The dog, which was owned by Capt. Finn Malm, was sent to Kennedy Town.

A mistress of a fishing boat reported to the police last night that she had tied up her boat at Cheung Sha Wan the previous day. She had gone away for a short time and on her return it was missing. It is thought that the boat must have drifted, but it is quite likely that it was stolen.

A social, which proved very enjoyable, was organised and held at the St. John's Cathedral Hall last evening in aid of the Building Repairs Fund of St. Peter's Church, West Point. The programme consisted of games, music and refreshments.

The Eastern News Agency states that according to Russian Press reports at Harbin, the issue raised by Marshal Chang's refusal to guarantee the safety of Comrade Karakhan, Soviet Ambassador in Peking, has been settled amicably by negotiations between Comrade Serebriakoff, an emissary of the Moscow Government, and Marshal Chang Tso Lin. It is reported that the understanding reached is that the Moscow Government will voluntarily recall Comrade Karakhan at an opportune moment.

Home and Europe mail, via Siberia arrived by the s.s. *President Taft* yesterday. The liner brought an exceptionally heavy mail for Hongkong, a total of no fewer than 703 bags being landed. Of this number, 40 bags comprised letters from the United Kingdom; while 45 bags were from Europe. The remainder of the mail was letters and papers from U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai. Tomorrow the P. & O. s.s. *Khyber* is due with letters and papers from Home via Suez (dated London April 1st) and parcels (dated March 25th).

The meeting of British residents held in the Ballroom of Government House yesterday afternoon for the purpose of considering suggestions for increasing the efficiency of the Volunteer Corps was private, the Press not being admitted to the proceedings. It is understood that their Excellencies the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), and the General Officer Commanding the Forces in China (Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.) and Commodore A. J. B. Stirling addressed the meeting, and it was proposed to form a small Committee of Heads of Commercial Firms to discuss with the Volunteer Authorities the best methods of combining maximum efficiency and a minimum interference with business requirements.

LEAVING TO-DAY.

PASSENGERS ON "EMPERESS OF ASIA."

Among the passengers who will leave Hongkong to-day on the R.M.S. *Empress of Asia*, which sails for Vancouver via Shanghai and Japan ports at noon, are the following:—

Mr. L. Dunbar for Shanghai, and Mrs. L. Dunbar for Boston.

Mr. E. V. Jason of the Telegraph Company, and Mrs. Jason, and Miss Jason, all for Europe.

Mr. J. H. Wallace, Manager of the Sun Life Assurance Co., Hongkong, and Mrs. Wallace and children, for Shanghai.

Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Levy, prominent Manila residents, for Shanghai.

Sir Heathcote Bell (a retired British Colonial office official, with wide experience in Africa) from Manila to Yokohama.

VIEWPOINTS.

The Barkerroadite and the man Who lived up on the top Were chatting as they homeward went. (The tram was a non-stop). "I wonder if," I heard one say, "The fog will ever go away."

I saw a third man turn and smile And marvelled he was gay Until he too began to speak. "Ah, you should live in May— He stopped, nor uttered one word more As past May Road that non-stop tore.

Nor one word more—but it was plain— It badly went against the grain.

E. D. S.

LATE MR. DENMAN FULLER'S WILL.

REQUESTS TO LOCAL RESIDENTS.

The late Mr. W. G. R. Denman Fuller, formerly organist at St. John's Cathedral, who died at his home at Bromyard, Hereford, left in Hongkong estate to the value of \$20,000. Probate has just been granted to Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, the local solicitor.

He bequeathed \$5,000 (Hongkong currency) to his aunt, Miss F. M. Bennet, Bromyard, Hereford; \$5,000 to his cousin, Mrs. Parkes (née Gwendolyn Weeks), British Columbia; \$2,500 to his cousin, Mrs. J. Smith (née Gertrude Weeks), British Columbia; \$1,000 to his cousin, Miss Annie Philpot, Bromyard; \$1,000 to Miss Olive Spyer, Warwick Avenue, London; \$500 to Mrs. J. S. Dobie, Connaught Square, London; \$2,500 to Mr. William Kearley Reynolds (Secretary of the City Hall), Hongkong; to his godson, the eldest son of Mr. Thomas Doughty, Paradise House, Coalbrookdale, Shropshire, \$1,000; to Mr. William C. Blackett, 4, The Albany, Hongkong, \$500; and to his cousin, Mr. Vincent B. Weeks, £50 sterling.

He gave power to his trustee in the Far East to dispose of his property and after paying out the bequests, to pass the residue to his cousin, Mr. Vincent Bennet Weeks, the appointed trustee in England.

He joined that after all the bequests and his funeral expenses had been paid, that the residue of his estates, both in the Far East and in England should go absolutely to his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Fuller.

The will was made in Hongkong, in January, 1924.

AN ARDUOUS JOURNEY.

ROUND THE WORLD ON BICYCLES.

Igino Gibelli, a young Italian, who is attempting to traverse the globe on his bicycle, arrived in Hongkong on Wednesday. He is awaiting here the arrival of a young Czech-Slovakian, who has accompanied him on his tour. He left his companion for a time in Singapore and had not heard of him since leaving Hanoi. When he arrives, it is his intention to cycle to Canton, then to the North. Thence they will go to Japan, and Canada, and then make their way to South America, where Gibelli's relatives reside.

The cyclist has already toured America, Europe, and North Africa. This entailed nearly five years' travel.

The young cyclists rely on hospitality and donations, Gibelli, in fact, having travelled the greater part of the journey with only a shilling in his pocket. They have obtained many autographs of distinguished persons in the course of their travels. Gibelli's book containing the signatures of King Hussein Ibn Saud, King Feisal and the Sheikh of Mohammarah. Whilst in Burma, Sir Harcourt Butler consented to sign his book and in Malaya, Sir Laurence Guillemard and Sir George Maxwell. His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong has also consented to autograph Gibelli's book.

MR. SUN FO.

BACK IN CANTON AGAIN.

Mr. Sun Fo, who recently visited the North on a mission to which he was delegated by the Canton Government, returned to Hongkong by the *President Taft* yesterday morning. He was met by an official of the Canton Government, and returned to Canton soon after his arrival.

OLD WOMAN WOUNDED AND ROBBED.

EARLY MORNING INCIDENT IN NEW TERRITORIES.

According to a report made to the police an old woman, aged 61 years, was the victim of an armed robbery in the New Territories in the early hours of yesterday, and in addition was stabbed when she offered slight resistance to the robber.

It appears that she lives at No. 18, Tai-po Old Market, and at 1.30 a.m. yesterday she was aroused from sleep by a noise in her front room. Getting up, and catching up her cash box at the same time, she proceeded to the room where she was promptly seized by a man, who struck her on the head with a dagger or some other sharp instrument.

The woman attempted to conceal the cash box by throwing it into a cupboard, but the noise of it falling attracted the robber's attention, and he immediately took it and decamped. The cash box contained \$20.

As the occurrence took place in the dark, the victim of the outrage was unable to give any description of her assailant to the police.

CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE COAL PROBLEM.

HURRIED MEETINGS—OPTIMISM AND PESSIMISM.

LONDON, April 29th.

A kaleidoscopic succession of meetings of all parties to the coal dispute all day long, attained a furious pace towards midnight.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, in the course of a few late hours, conferred with the owners, the Trade Union Congress men and the miners twice each. This unprecedented activity has led to an optimistic feeling, promising that a formula will be hammered out.

It is confidently asserted that the national basis of negotiations is practically agreed upon though a national wage minimum is still open to question.

EFFECT IN GERMANY.

BERLIN, April 29th.

Speaking at a meeting of German industrial and commercial representatives, Dr. Luther welcomed the British Coal Commission's rejection of the idea of continuing the coal subsidy, the serious effect of which on German coal could be gauged from the fact that coal exports from the Ruhr were 1,350,000 tons in March, compared with 1,000,000 in July last year, while 377,000 men were employed in the Ruhr in March compared with 423,000 in July last, and the mines are still closing down or working on short time.

HOPES AND FEARS.

LONDON, April 29th.

Statements in the newspapers with regard to the coal negotiations are conflicting. Some are hopeful and others are inclined to pessimism. The discussions will continue to-day.

One report anticipates the issue of an order suspending the coal-owners' new wage and condition proposals, timed to operate at midnight on Friday, so that negotiations may continue unhampered next week, the State, meanwhile, continuing the subvention for a limited period.

RECENT NEGOTIATIONS.

LONDON, April 29th.

The coal outlook is admittedly dark, but there is some hope in this darkest hour before dawn. The miners' leaders were early this morning discussing the policy with the general Council of the Trade Union Congress, and it is learned the whole Trade Union movement will solidly support the miners' demands.

Simultaneously, the owners conferred separately, and their Committee later saw Mr. Baldwin. All negotiations are most secret, but much depends on the latest attitude of the owners.

BRITAIN'S BUDGET.

CHANCELLOR'S REPLY TO OPPOSITION SPEECHES.

LONDON, April 29th.

In the House of Commons, unperturbed by the vehemence of the criticism, Mr. Winston Churchill, in replying to the Budget debate, serenely voiced his inability to remember any Budget incurring such a weak, disunited, discursive, and contradictory opposition. He claimed that it was a more nearly virtually agreed upon Budget than any in the past quarter of a century. (Laughter and cheers.) He welcomed the discussion by all interests of the betting tax to make the tax work as simply as possible.

As regards the stabilisation of Imperial Preference, the Chancellor admitted that another Parliament would be able to repudiate the guarantee, but the fact that a positive step had been taken would act as a practical deterrent, whereas he hoped that with the passage of time, these matters of Imperial consolidation would more and more cease to be pawns of party controversy.

JAMAICA'S NEW GOVERNOR.

SIR R. E. STUBBS RECEIVES A WARM WELCOME.

LONDON, April 29th.

A message from Kingston, Jamaica, says that Sir Edward Stubbs, former Governor of Hongkong, has arrived and has had an enthusiastic reception.

He stated that he wished to work in harmony with all classes and do his best to promote the welfare of the Island.

INDIAN RIOTING.

SITUATION AT CALCUTTA MUCH IMPROVED.

CALCUTTA, April 29th.

The rioting area is now quiet and the situation has improved, due to military reinforcing the police and rounding up the roughs. All shops in the Indian quarters remain closed and there have been a few stray cases of assault.

The total casualties since April 22nd are 43 killed, and 375 injured.

The immediate problem is the removal of accumulated garbage in the streets as the filth is highly conducive to disease in the present weather.

STRENGTHENING THE POLICE.

CALCUTTA, April 29th.

Sir Hugh Stephenson, a member of the Executive Council of Bengal, has sent a letter to the President of the European Association stating that the staff sergeants in the Calcutta Police will be increased this week by a hundred men from two British regiments. The police will be ordered to arrest all persons whose criminal records bring them within the meaning of the Act dealing with scoundrels or roughs. Many have already been arrested.

Sir Hugh claims that the situation has improved and he trusts the Hindu and Moslem leaders are doing their best to allay the feeling of "intense communal hatred" still generally permeating all classes of both communities.

EX-RULERS' PROPERTY.

PLEBISCITE TO BE TAKEN ON QUESTION.

BERLIN, April 29th.

The Government coalition parties have failed to effect a compromise regarding the confiscation of the ex-ruler's property, and the Reichstag has therefore opened a debate on a Socialist-Communist Bill, demanding the entire confiscation without compensation. The Bill has not the slightest chance of adoption, and after its rejection, probably to-morrow, the Bill will be submitted to a plebiscite. Fifty per cent. must vote in favour for the measure to become law.

A REICHSTAG UPROAR.

There was violent language used in the Reichstag on the first reading of the Bill to confiscate the ex-rulers' property without compensation.

The Socialist Deputy, Herr Rosenfeld, amid constant interruptions from the Right, pleaded for the Bill on the ground that the ex-Princes were insatiably greedy, and responsible for the German people's misfortunes.

The German National Leader, Count Westarp, declared that the agitation for the Bill was carried on with fantastic lies and terrorism.

There was an uproar on the Left, while the Right parties shouted "Keep quiet in the Synagogue."

Count Westarp declared that the ex-Kaiser had not fled to Holland owing to fear but because he believed that Germany would thereby get better peace terms, and because he believed President Wilson's promises.

When a Communist Deputy rose to speak for the Bill, the Nationals and People's party members left the House in protest.

BELGIAN FOREIGN TRADE.

COMMERCIAL RECOGNITION OF U.S.S.R. IF POSSIBLE.

BRUSSELS, April 29th.

Speaking in the Senate, the Foreign Minister, M. Vandervelde, said that one of his aims was to expand Belgium's foreign trade. At present there was no question of the *de jure* recognition of the Soviet but there might be commercial recognition, if it was possible without causing hardship to those most vitally interested.

Referring to the burning of an effigy of Signor Mussolini in the village of Lalvelde, M. Vandervelde, amid applause, said that such outrageous behaviour towards representatives of friendly countries could not be tolerated.

FRENCH PARLIAMENT.

PARIS, April 29th.

The Budget having been finally passed, both Chambers of Parliament adjourned until May 27th.

SYRIAN WAR.

FIERCE FIGHTING AT CAPTURE OF SUEDA.

PARIS, April 29th.

A message from Beirut says that eleven battalions participated in the capture of Sueda on April 25th, which was defended by 8,000 Druses. The French losses are stated to be 50 killed and 270 wounded. The rebel casualties were heavy.

HOME BOXING.

AN INTERESTING BOUT.

LONDON, April 29th.

At the Albert Hall, London, to-night, Harry Mason, the light-weight champion of Britain, meets Len Harvey (Plymouth) for the welter-weight title, compulsorily relinquished by Tommy Milligan, because he is now unable to box at the weight.

HOME RACING.

100 TO 8 CHANCE WINS TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS.

LONDON, April 29th.

The Two Thousand Guineas, run at Newmarket to-day, resulted as follows:—
Colorado 1
Coronach 2
Apple Sammy 3
Nineteen ran. Won by five lengths; three lengths between second and third.
The betting was: Colorado 100/8; Coronach 5/4; Apple Sammy 10/1. The place betting was: Colorado 7/2; and Apple Sammy 9/4.

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

RESULTS OF WEDNESDAY'S LEAGUE MATCHES.

LONDON, April 29th.

The following are results of English League matches played to-day:—
FIRST DIVISION.

Manchester United, 1; Cardiff City, 0.
Bolton Wanderers, 1; Arsenal, 1.

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH).

Durham City, 2; Wrexham, 1.

THE DAVIS CUP.

POSSIBILITY OF AUSTRIA WITHDRAWING HER TEAM.

VIENNA, April 29th.

Austria will probably withdraw from the Davis Cup tournament, as so far it has been found impossible to agree on a date on which she can play South Africa in London.

P. & O. DIVIDEND.

LONDON, April 29th.

The P. & O. interim dividend is at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, tax free, and is for the half-year ended March 31st.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

RUBBER RESTRICTION.

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT'S WARNING TO BRITAIN.

WASHINGTON, April 29th.

Declaring that users of motor-cars have reduced the consumption of tyres by about 25 per cent. as the result of Mr. Hoover's campaign against the monopoly, the Commerce Department, in commenting on the revision of British export restriction, has issued a statement saying that the continued price-fixing by the British Colonial authorities will simply mean the continued conservation of the use of rubber by American consumers and more activity in the reclamation of used rubber and in securing our own sources of supply.

ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

FRENCH "ACE" TO FLY FROM NEW YORK TO PARIS.

NEW YORK, April 29th.

Captain Fonck, the French "Ace" has arrived and inspected the biplane being constructed for his proposed non-stop flight from New York to Paris. He hopes to start at the end of June and to cover the course of 3,600 miles in 35 hours. The aeroplane has three engines, each of 425 horse-power, and it will carry fuel sufficient for a 4,800 mile flight.

BORDER MURDER.

TWO AMERICANS KILLED NEAR BOLIVIAN FRONTIER.

BUENOS AIRES, April 29th.

Two American citizens engaged in oil survey work have been found murdered near the Bolivian frontier. Robbery is believed to be the motive.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE NORTHERN WAR.

SHANGHAI, April 29th.

General Yen Hsi Shan's Shansi troops, it is reported, have cut the railway between Tatungfu and Kalgan.

SOVIET AND MONGOLIA.

RUSSIAN PLAN TO CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS.

SHANGHAI, April 29th.

Japanese news agency reports state that the Soviet Government is planning to control communications in Mongolia by constructing railways connecting Urga with the Siberian lines, and is already negotiating with the Mongolian Government on the matter.

The Agency adds that Chinese political circles are strongly opposing the project.

KOREAN POSITION.

SEOUL EXCITEMENT FOLLOWING EX-EMPEROR'S DEATH.

TOKYO, April 29th.

This morning's *Jiji* publishes reports from Seoul, according to which the ex-Emperor's death resulted in abnormal excitement in the Korean capital. The Police are most active in controlling the tremendous crowds which are collecting daily in the front of the palace for the purpose of expressing condolence by weeping in accordance with Korean custom.

It is reported that the Korean police are becoming most excited and killed one Japanese and seriously injured another with their sabres yesterday whilst attempting to regulate the crowds.

Prince Yi, whose contemplated tour to Europe is postponed, owing to the ex-Emperor's death, has succeeded to his estates.

CHINESE ASPIRATIONS.

FOREIGN SECRETARY'S REPLY TO QUESTIONER.

LONDON, April 29th.

In the House of Commons, the suggestion that three Chinese members be appointed on the Shanghai Municipal Council at an early date and that the Government consider the desirability of giving Chinese representation for the International Settlement in proportion to their rate payments, was made by Mr. G. Barker (Labour) in the form of a question.

In replying to this, Sir Austen Chamberlain fully sympathised with the natural desire of the Chinese element to be represented on the Municipality, and hoped that as the Chinese gain experience in the arts of governing a great city, the means would be found of satisfying their legitimate aspirations for a greater share in the administration of the Settlement. But a drastic change in the existing régime, as would be involved by the introduction of the principle of representation of nationalities on the Municipality in proportion to the rates they pay, would render the election of an efficient Municipal Council extremely difficult and would be detrimental alike to the Chinese and Foreign interests concerned.

GRAIN SPECULATION.

IMPORTANT DECISION BY CANADIAN JUSTICE.

CALGARY, April 29th.

An important judgment with regard to dealings in grain futures was given by Mr. Justice Walsh in dismissing a claim by grain brokers, against a customer. He laid it down that "where people are trading in grain futures and neither party contemplated actual delivery of the grain, such transactions come within the gaming section of the Criminal Code of Canada."

WAR DEBTS TO U.S.

SENATE'S CALENDAR OF SETTLEMENTS CLEARED.

WASHINGTON, April 29th.

The Senate by 54 votes to 17 has approved of the Czech-Slovakian agreement for funding its debt of \$195,000,000, thereby clearing the Senate's calendar of war-debt settlements.

President Coolidge has signed the Italian debt agreement.

THE DANISH AVIATORS.

THEIR EVENTFUL TRIP FROM CANTON TO SHANGHAI.

Reporting the arrival of Lieut. Botved and his companion Lieut. Oleson, at Shanghai after an eventful trip from Canton the *N.Y. Daily News* says:

A representative called at the hotel and found the two aviators telling their story to a consular party, Mr. Langkjaer, the Consul-General, displaying a keen interest in them. Soiled flying clothes and muddy knee-boots told their tale, but the aviators already had indulged in the luxury of a bath and looked comfortable in trim khaki uniforms. Both were pictures of fitness and whilst waiting for what probably was an urgently required meal, Lieut. Botved, speaking excellent English, was only too ready to answer all questions.

LEAKY PETROL TANK.

He said they experienced perfect conditions and had a most enjoyable trip until they got to Canton. There he almost despaired, but on his flight and so he got under way. He would have had no difficulty in making Shanghai at the hour advised, but unfortunately a petrol tank sprang a bad leak and they lost so much petrol that they were compelled to descend at Ninghai. He had no complaint to make of Ninghai, except that a Chinese stole his watch and, between those who were over-curious and those who were over-anxious to help, some small damage to the machine resulted.

However, it was not difficult again to put the machine in flying order and, as near as he could judge whilst without his watch, he took off again about noon yesterday. Lieut. Botved was very surprised when told of the reports of dense fogs. The weather was clear where they were for the start, he said, and it remained fair all the way to Shanghai. They were in the air for about one and a half hours.

PEKING NEXT.

Although his plans for the rest of the flight have been made, Lieut. Botved at present cannot give definite dates. The Danish community will entertain him to a banquet in the Astor House this evening, and he hopes, if all repairs to the machine can be completed by then, to take off again on Monday. He proposes to fly to Peking without another stop and after a brief halt there he will cross over to Tokyo, stopping en route in Korea and at Osaka. That will end the first part of the flight. His idea then is to fly back to Copenhagen over Siberia and Russia, if permission can be secured. This will be the shortest route and he estimates that he should be able to do it in about 10 days.

1,000 YARDS OF RED TAPE.

"SYMBOL" IN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS RAG.

More than a thousand men and women, students of the University of London, took part of a monster "rag" and demonstration last month to urge that use should be made of a site at Bloomsbury for university purposes.

In weird fancy attire the students, marching from their various colleges, and concentrated in Torrington-square, Bloomsbury.

A procession was formed and marched through the district, returning to the site. Permission to make this a torchlight parade has been refused on the grounds that it would be dangerous to property. A large body of University College men in pyjama jackets and carrying night-lights turned out.

A mock sports meeting was held which included an inter-college hoop race, a publicans' race, with barrels, and a fair dance performed by men students.

Later the students dispersed, except for a few who signified their intention of spending the night in occupation of the site. As a "symbol" they had brought with them 1,000 yards of red tape with which they encircled the site.

PERUVIAN AFFAIRS.

ALARM AT DROP IN EXCHANGE RATE.

LIMA, April 29th.

The President, the Minister of Finance, and the President of the Chamber of Commerce, have discussed the fall in the Peruvian pound. Merchants are most disturbed at the advance in prices, particularly on imported articles.

EGYPTIAN MUSEUM.

ROCKEFELLER OFFER WITHDRAWN BY TRUSTEES.

NEW YORK, April 29th.

The Rockefeller offer to establish a museum in Egypt has been withdrawn by the Trustees.

FEAST OF AMUSEMENTS.

PICTURES, RUSSIAN BALLET AND "GLOBE TROTTERS."

The Colony has certainly a feast of entertainments, with a variety in them which will appeal to and cater for every taste.

The week-end programmes at the Queen's Theatre and Star Theatre, Kowloon, include pictures, the appearance of the Moscow State Ballet and also Dick Norton and "The New Globe Trotters." It will be very unusual if from among the choice of these any audience fails to derive full satisfaction, pleasure and enjoyment.

At the Queen's Theatre yesterday there was screened for the first time in Hongkong, a great Metro production "The Shooting of Dan McGrew," a picture adapted from the poem "The spell of the Yukon" by Robert W. Service. In this picture, which is as faithful and admirable a screen version of the great poem as can be desired, Barbara La Marr takes the role of "The Lady that's known as Lou," while Lew Cody is "dangerous Dan McGrew" and Percy Marmont is the "husband of Lou." It is a picture well worth seeing and should ensure full houses at every showing of it. Intending patrons, however, should note that while it will be screened at the Queen's to-day and to-morrow, it will not be shown at the 9.15 performance on those nights. The picture programme is further enhanced by the inclusion of a film detailing local topical events and the ceremonial parade by the 1st East Surrey Regiment on St. George's Day in commemoration of the Second Battle of Ypres.

To-night at 9.15 the Moscow State Ballet, comprising the greatest aggregation of dancing talent that has yet appeared in Hongkong, will open at the Queen's Theatre. Those who do not visit the Queen's to-night and wish to see the performance, which can be vouched for as being a superb exhibition throughout, should book early for one of the remaining performances, as we understand there is great demand for seating accommodation.

AT THE "STAR."

At the Star Theatre, Kowloon, this evening Dick Norton and his "New Globe Trotters," who recently held an exceptionally successful season both in Kowloon and Hongkong, will open their brief season, and all who heard this popular and versatile band of entertainers when they were here before should not fail to hear them again either to-night, to-morrow night or Sunday night in programmes which will be entirely different from those given when the party were here last. The programme will be different each night, and will include many new numbers, although some of the more popular items given when they were here last, will be included by request. There will be a special matinee performance on Sunday at 5.30, at which children will be admitted at half price. Booking can be made at Moutrie's.

EMPIRE VISITORS TO ENGLAND.

MORE THAN IN THE WEMBLEY YEARS.

Great Britain is to entertain more visitors from the Dominions this year than in either of the Wembley years.

At the leading hotels, where applications for accommodation for Britons from over-seas are arriving every day, says a London paper, there is considerable surprise, as a decline in the number of Empire visitors for several years after the exhibition had been expected.

Canada is sending quite as many visitors at last year, but Australia and New Zealand are sending many more. The Orient liner *Oriana*, which is bringing the Test match cricketers, is one of several on the way that are full to capacity. Not only are the shipping officers in Australia finding this season's business remarkably brisk but they are actually booking scores of trips for 1937.

"It is already certain that many more Australians will be brought to Great Britain this year than in 1925 or 1924," a reporter was informed at Australia House.

The reasons are not all apparent (it was stated), but the main one is undoubtedly that Australia has the money to spend. Last year was a bumper year as far as the trade of Australia was concerned, and thousands who have long wanted to see England have decided to make the journey in 1926.

The Test matches will bring many who might have deferred their holidays until next year or subsequent years.

In finance, everything that is agreeable is unsound, and everything that is sound is disagreeable.—*Mr. Churchill*.

Our public galleries are very well furnished, and it is a dog-in-the-manger policy to cry out about our old masters going across the Atlantic.—*Mr. Edward Duncan*.

CANADA AND TITLES.

"THEIR ABSENCE A HANDICAP."

A Canadian correspondent writing in the London *Observer* says:

Some eight years ago the Canadian Parliament adopted a resolution deprecating the conferment of titular distinctions upon residents of the Dominion. It goes almost without saying that His Majesty's advisers at once accepted that view, and no hereditary or other titles have since been offered to Canadians. Within the last week or two, however, a rather lively discussion upon the subject has again been aroused among Canadians on both sides of the Atlantic.

The discussion has been provoked by some remarks from Mr. J. S. McKinnon, an ex-President of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. For the last two years Mr. McKinnon has held the office of Director of Canadian Exhibits at the British Empire Exhibition, and has just returned to Canada on completion of these duties. While freely admitting that Canadian industry is likely to benefit largely from the display which was staged on its behalf at Wembley, Mr. McKinnon also expresses the opinion that "Canada is seriously handicapped in Great Britain by the lack of titled Canadians."

EXPERIENCE OF WEMBLEY.

His two years' experience at Wembley and in Great Britain generally leads Mr. McKinnon to the belief that "the British public is at a loss to understand why Canada, steeped in British tradition, the keystone of the Empire, and a most progressive country, rejects titles." He regards business as transacted at social arguments as to what might happen at or semi-social affairs. "If it happens that Mr. MacDonald, of Canada, and Sir Robert Macdonald, of Australia, are there, it is the titled visitor from Australia who receives the place of honour."

It is worth recalling one or two points concerning the imposition by Canada of its "ban" upon titles. The Parliament at Ottawa had discussed the matter intermittently over a long period. In 1915 some apprehension arose among certain Canadians as to what might happen at the close of the war, when there was at least a possibility that hereditary and other distinctions might fall both to the worthy and the unworthy. The Order of the British Empire had recently been instituted. The Canadian Government of the day was asked to prepare a list of those it deemed suitable to be included in the Order, but Sir Robert Borden "found other urgent engagements" which made it impossible for him to give consideration to the subject.

THE PRESENT ATTITUDE.

The resolution in the Ottawa Parliament which deprecated the conferment of titles upon Canadians was submitted by Mr. W. F. Niles, a Conservative. It was supported by the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier, leader of the Opposition, by the Hon. Newton Rowell, a Conservative Minister, and by the Hon. Ernest Lapointe, who until a few days ago was leading the present Liberal Ministry, pending the return to Parliament of Mr. Mackenzie King, and by other prominent members of both parties. There was even an amendment for the abolition of existing titles, but this was viewed with general disfavour because it would have abolished honours granted to Canada's brave men in the war. Eventually the whole matter was referred to a committee, which made recommendations considerably in advance of the proposals submitted in the House, and these were finally adopted. Nothing was done, however, to prevent customary recognition of services rendered in war-time.

A COOK'S LIBEL ACTION.

INTERESTING KARACHI SUIT.

An interesting point in respect of the law of libel was decided in the Judicial Commissioner's Court, Karachi, on the 17th March, in which a cook sued his former master for defamation, writes the Karachi correspondent of the *Times of India*. Thomas Travas was for some time in the service of Mr. George Sim, employed in the Chartered Bank of India, Karachi Branch, and with the master there were also two other Europeans living. It was the practice for Travas to incur expenditure on hazaar articles required for the household, and subsequently put in a bill for payment. Seven months passed after Travas's entry into service, and on the 23rd December last he put in a bill for Rs. 1-2 due to him on the previous day's purchases. The master, it was stated, declined to meet it. Travas, therefore, failed to prepare dinner for the Sababs that night. They got annoyed at the cook's behaviour and dismissed him.

The next day Travas went to Mr. Sim at the Bank and asked for the return of ten "chits" he had deposited with him while joining service, the "chits" being testimonials given to him by his former employers. Mr. Sim, it is said, after consulting his friends, wrote an endorsement on the back of every one of the "chits" that the bearer had been in their service for seven months, had been dismissed as he demanded Rs. 1-2 on "book account," and "he is a good cook."

Travas did not understand the meaning of the endorsement. In the course of a search for fresh employment he went to two local European hotels and at last to a gentleman by name Mr. Stubbs, who after a perusal of the endorsement told Travas not to show the "chits" to prospective employers as the endorsement would do him no good whatsoever. Travas went to a lawyer, who advised him to file a criminal suit for defamation against Mr. Sim, which was duly launched in the court of the city magistrate of Karachi.

After the case was heard, the Magistrate fined Mr. Sim Rs. 100, holding that in writing what he had done at the back of the "chits" he made libellous allegations and the plea of "good faith" could not be maintained. The fine when paid (Continued at foot of next column.)

THE IRISH "TAX ON BACHELORS."

WHAT THE FREE STATE PROPOSALS MEAN.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO BENEDICK.

Mr. Stephen Gwynn writing in a London paper says:—

Critics of the Free State have praised or blamed it (according to their disposition) for putting a tax on bachelors. Happily or unhappily, this is not exact. The title imposed applies only to the Civil Service, and not universally to the Civil Service (at all events, not yet); and it would more correctly be described as offering a premium on marriage than imposing a tax on celibacy.

Let us first get the facts. This is a question of administrative act, not of legislation. When the salaries paid come before the Dail to be voted, it will be open to members to propose a reduction, because there is a differentiated system of pay. But the Dail was not asked in advance to decide that a married Civil Servant should be paid more than an unmarried one for performing the same duties. Mr. Blythe or his department settled that.

This principle of differentiated pay, which is an Irish innovation, was first introduced last December, when an examination was held to fill 100 vacancies in the clerical grade. Those who entered had to face two conditions. First, if women, they would automatically forfeit their positions on marrying. This was not new. Secondly, if men, they must accept the same pay as a woman, unless and until they married. The results of this examination have not yet been published, so that there is not as yet instance of differentiated pay; and there is not likely to be at once, since the candidates in this class range from seventeen to nineteen. A further competition for vacancies in the junior executive grade (next above the clerical) has been announced, with the same conditions. Marriage allowance will be supplemented by a payment for children, while the children are under fifteen. But neither marriage allowance nor children's allowance will be permitted to bring the total pay in this grade above £125. The maximum for a married man without children is £150.

WAGE ACCORDING TO NEED.

One may fairly call this whole plan a sort of paternalism. Work is to be remunerated, beyond a certain minimum wage, according to the needs of the worker. Man or woman is equally eligible for entry to either grade, and for promotion in the grade or from one grade to another. But the moment a woman marries, Mr. Blythe paternally says to her, "My dear young lady, your place is in your home"; and if she has had considerable service he gives her a substantial wedding gift—which, if she has had twelve years' service, may equal a year's pay. On the other hand, when the young man marries, Mr. Blythe, again paternally, says, "My good lad, you will want more; take a rise in your pay"; and here is a cheque for the difference between what you got last year and your new rate.

Thus, although the clever unmarried man may pass over the head of his married colleague, there will be a period in which the admittedly less efficient is receiving higher pay—because, being a family man, he needs it.

Further, the scheme disposes of a woman's grievance. There is not one rate of pay for men and another for women, but one rate for the married and another for the single. The women cannot be in the married class.

PROMOTING MARRIAGE.

Probably also this combination of even-handed justice as between the sexes, and benevolent differentiation as between married and unmarried, works out cheaper for the State than the old system. But one thing is clear. It will promote marriage in the service. If a gentleman knows that by wedding a lady who works in the same room he will increase his pay, perhaps by £50, and receive a cheque in addition for £20, while she retires with a wedding present of £100 or so, he is likely to become a Benedick.

It is not yet decided whether similar conditions are to be applied in the highest grade—the Junior Administrative.

THE PIONEER'S BEST ASSET.

"A GOOD WIFE."

Writing in a London paper from Canford, British Columbia, a pioneer settler (Mr. T. R. Hardman) says:

I have seen in the English Press many different theories as to the secrets of success in the Dominion. May I give mine? I have been through the mill as a pioneer of Manitoba in 1882 and of Vancouver in 1887, and with my late wife founded the settlement of Canford (B.C.) in 1903, hewing our home out of the primeval forest and weaving romance with adventure.

This experience has taught me that the greatest asset of an Empire builder is a good wife. Men developing a new land need as wives women of the best and truest steel in temper and loyalty of purpose.

was ordered to be awarded as compensation to the complainant.

On appeal, the Judicial Commissioner, Mr. C. A. Kincaid held that the endorsement had been made in good faith, and after a discussion of the law bearing on the subject came to the conclusion that for the publication of the endorsement which constituted the essence of libel, Travas had to thank himself, and the appellant, Mr. Sim, not being responsible for the publication, did not commit any crime in the eyes of the law.

COUNTRY HOUSE FIRES IN ENGLAND.

THE STRANGE RUN OF THEM.

Nine or ten country houses have been destroyed by fire in England since the beginning of the year. The recent annals of insurance may be searched in vain for such a series of country house fires within so short a period, says the *Daily Mail* which proceeds to say:—

It is natural that the rapid recurrence of these fires should cause anxiety. The loss of fine old houses, many of which contain art treasures, is a serious matter to the nation. It is true that not all the houses which have recently been destroyed are architecturally interesting, and beautiful, and in some of them the contents have been of no special aesthetic value. But the total number of old houses is limited, and the casualties among them of recent years have been peculiarly heavy. The far-fetched suggestion has been made that these fires are the work of plotting Communists. Of evidence in support of this theory there is so far none at all, nor can it be considered at all probable. The more reasonable view is that the fires are due to the general introduction of modern amenities, such as central heating, into old houses.

One probable cause is a defective flue or an old beam in the chimney. When central heating is introduced, the intense heat which is generated is dangerous where the brick or stone work is not in good condition. Cracked hearthstones are another well-known source of risk, and yet another is to be found in unswayed or too rarely swept chimneys.

It is to be feared that meretricious taxation has helped to increase the number of fires in country residences. The burdens on the owners are such that many of them are no longer able to keep their houses in perfect order or to refit them with the latest safety appliances. They have to jog along and put up with what they have. Again, the difficulty of obtaining servants is such that in many country houses shift has to be made with inadequate household staffs, and the thorough supervision and attention which would prevent fires are impossible.

In the old days most country houses had their own small fire brigades, but, possibly because of the growing poverty of the owners, such brigades are rarer now. They could never be regarded as giving perfect security, as a fire brigade, to be efficient, requires to be constantly drilled and exercised, so that its appliances are kept well up to the mark. There is a risk of finding at the critical moment that the house has perished or the engine has broken down. There is usually, too, difficulty in obtaining an adequate supply of water.

UGLY DANCING.

AND ITS CAUSE.

Mr. H. St. John Rumsey, M.A., author of "Ballroom Dancing," writing in a London paper says:—

There are unmistakable signs that the public has tired of the fox-trot and is asking for a change. As a matter of fact the fox-trot as usually played and danced would be more accurately described as a one-step. The true fox-trot can only be danced to a band playing at about 40 bars to the minute. If the tempo is raised to 52 only the most agile of the experts can keep to the fox-trot rhythm, and if the speed is further increased it becomes useless to attempt a fox-trot. At the present time the average speed is nearly 60—the correct tempo not of the fox-trot but of the one-step.

As long as bands play at this speed only three courses are open. The first is to do a "quick-trot," invented by the teachers when the craze for speed began. This is a very limited dance, consisting of the old *chaunt* movement, sideways steps and foot twisting. Only a very few of the experts can dance it well; the attempts of the average dancer are a most unpleasing spectacle.

Most good dancers who can fox-trot, waltz, and tango when the tempo of the music allows them to do so know too much to murder the fox-trot by rushing, and so are forced to dance a one-step, which is the obvious way to interpret a fox-trot played at one-step tempo. They at any rate achieve a neat and controlled dance movement, but the one-step allows no variation in its monotonous rhythm. The speed is just enough to make the dance tiring.

The third and last course is open to the dancers who are content to "get round," and that is just what they do, by the simplest of methods—they walk! It is this walking which calls forth the disparaging remarks from dancers of a previous generation who could and did waltz. Walking on a ballroom floor can never be an inspiring sight.

The obvious remedy is a return to fox-trot tempo. Even a few numbers played to the tempo prevailing two or three years ago, when ballroom dancing was at its best, would give dancers a chance to practice a dance with infinite possibilities in steps and rhythm.

MEXICO'S "DIVORCE MILL."

DECLARED ILLEGAL.

The Mexican Supreme Court has decided that divorce decrees in Yucatan are unconstitutional because they do not comply with Mexican law.

The decision came as a result of a wife's appeal. She awoke one morning to find herself divorced without knowing that a suit had been instituted. The Supreme Court decided that she was not divorced at all, since testimony for both sides must be heard.

In Yucatan divorce could be obtained on the "while you wait and no questions asked" principle for £150, and thousands of Americans are said to have resorted to the court.

It is said that an international divorce ring which has been operating all through the United States collected £16,000 from Americans for obtaining divorces in Yucatan, which are now declared invalid. The money, therefore, has been wasted.

Central News.

CHAOTIC GAMING LAWS.

[BY A BARRISTER IN "THE DAILY MAIL."]

Everybody knows that our statutes as to gaming and betting are in a state of chaos.

Most whist drives, and certainly all those for subscriptions, are illegal. So are public sweepstakes on horse races and almost certainly private ones, also. Occasionally fantastic surprises emerge from the chaos, as when betting wins paid by cheque were found to be recoverable and a statute which might have been (but was not) entitled "An Act to Relieve Winders of Bets" was passed. No judge has ventured to say exactly when and where and how cards may lawfully be played for money, except that a licensed victualler must not allow even a private game in a private room.

The reason for the confusion may easily be stated. The law is contained in a number of statutes from the reign of Henry VIII. onwards, passed with various motives, and do not fit the needs of the time. The more modern legislation is on the whole framed to discourage gambling, but many of the old laws against lotteries and sweepstakes were merely passed to stifle competition with the Government ventures, in which trustees were actually allowed to invest. And while a whist drive is unlawful, there is no veto on heavy gambling in shares or even the necessities of life.

These anomalies are unjust, and new statutes are required. Here, however, our system of government has so far failed. The matter is, of course, far too important for a private member's Bill. Therefore the Government should take it up.

But every politician knows that a Government with the moral courage to tackle the problem would not gain a single vote by it, and would assuredly lose thousands. So far as it removed restrictions, even absurd ones, against betting and card-playing there would be a loss of the votes of certain serious people allied by their opponents to possess the "Nonconformist conscience" though they certainly include a large number of Churchmen. So far as a new Bill limited opportunity for gambling it would be attacked by a number of people who would perhaps describe themselves as "sportsmen"—varying, however, from respectable and wealthy Peers to mere rascaille pests and sharpers. And since no Government likes to face loss of votes for an unappreciated reform, nothing is done.

Sooner or later, however, some Government will have to act. Why not let the leaders of the three parties agree on the main lines?

Any game played for money in private houses should be legalised, saving only for the habitual play which now renders particular premises "a gaming house." Whist drives and sweepstakes should be licensed under rules of common sense framed to allow innocent recreation and forbid heavy play.

Street betting is more controversial, but if it cannot be prevented (which seems to be the case) it should be legalised and regulated, and no doubt taxed, if that can be done profitably. Certain laws already exist punishing those who gamble at the expense of their creditors, and perhaps they should be strengthened. One would like to see a law punishing a man with a wife and family who caused them to suffer by squandering his money in gambling and betting. This would probably be fair give-and-take for the legalisation of street betting.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

April 29th.

Heigo Maru, Japanese str., 299 tons, Capt. T. Fukuda, from Keelung, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C33.—M.B.K.

Sunli, Portuguese str., 440 tons, Capt. G. A. de Souza, from Kwang Chow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C40.—Hung Kee Co.

April 29th.

Antenor, British str., 6,100 tons, Capt. J. G. Reynard, from Liverpool, which port she left on March 27th, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

Hong Peng, British str., 2,450 tons, Capt. D. M. Hood, from Singapore, which port she left on April 23rd, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A9.—Seng Soon Hong.

Bygon, British str., 1,195 tons, Capt. J. S. Corle, from Manila, which port she left on April 27th, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

Kashing, British str., 1,143 tons, from Shanghai, which port she left on April 24th, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters.—B. & S.

Kwai Sang, British str., 1,435 tons, Capt. N. W. van Cortlandt, from Bangkok and Kolsichang, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C46.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Penny Maru, Japanese str., 3,220 tons, Capt. K. Torii, from Bombay and Singapore, the latter port she left on April 22nd, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1.—N.Y.K.

President Taft, American str., 24,121 tons, Capt. C. M. Goehring, from San Francisco and Shanghai, the latter port she left on April 24th, with general merchandise, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line.

CLEARANCES.

April 29th.

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Empress of Asia, for Shanghai.

Hong Peng, for Amoy.

Kashing, for Haiphong.

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HONGKONG SHIPPING.

Yesterday's shipping statement showed an increase of 4,000 tons in cargo for Hongkong, with two thousand more tons of freight for ports beyond, compared with the previous day's entries. Only a comparatively small quantity of the freight for this port was carried in the three British vessels the bulk being in steamers of other nationalities.

The returns for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday showed that at that hour there were 60 vessels in the harbour, of which 32 were British. The arrivals during the above period numbered 15, viz.—three British, two Dutch, two French, one American, one Portuguese, five Japanese and one Chinese. The departures over the same period came to thirteen, these being for the following ports.—For Takoo, one Japanese; for Singapore, one Japanese and one British; for Yokohama, one British; for Shanghai, three British and one Japanese; for Los Angeles, one American; for Hanoh, one Chinese; for Amoy, one Dutch; for Swatow, one British; for Kwang Chow Wan, one Chinese. Clearances over the same period came to three, and were as under.—For Saigon, one British; for Amoy, one British; for Hanoi, one British.

CARGO ENTERED.

(During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.)

For Hongkong 1,072 tons.

For ports beyond 2,562 ..

Total 3,634

During previous 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Wednesday.)

For Hongkong 7,005 tons.

For ports beyond 20,432 ..

Total 27,437

Of the cargo entered for Hongkong, 2,492 tons were carried in British vessels, with the largest entry being 1,400 tons in vessels of other nationalities there were 2,340 tons, with the heaviest entry 1,395 tons, and the next best entries 1,340 tons and 1,249 tons. With regard to freight for ports beyond, there were two entries of over 5,000 tons each and one of over six thousand tons.

The arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, were as under:—

Kut Sang (British) from Yokohama and Amoy with 792 tons of general cargo, mail and 527 tons for ports beyond.

Haiti (British) from Saigon with 1,300 tons of general cargo and rice.

Haiting (British) from Foochow and Swatow with 300 tons of general cargo and mail.

Tikling (Dutch) from Sourabaya and Amoy with 117 tons of general cargo, 500 cases of alcohol, 125 cases of acid, mail and 5,750 tons for ports beyond.

Van Overstraten (Dutch) from Amoy with a full entry.

Jade (French) from Haiphong and Port Bayard with 100 tons of general cargo.

Song Bo (French) from Haiphong with 150 tons of general cargo and mail.

President Taft (American) from San Francisco and Shanghai with 370 tons of general cargo, a heavy mail and 3,732 tons for ports beyond.

Sun Li (Portuguese) from Kwang Chow Wan with 189 tons of general cargo and 20 tons of brown sugar for ports beyond.

Kiyo Maru (Japanese) from Keelung and Swatow with 500 tons of coal, 79 tons of general cargo and mail.

Sado Maru (Japanese) from Bombay and Singapore with 114 tons of general cargo, mail and 5,833 tons for ports beyond.

Penny Maru (Japanese) from Bombay and Singapore with 187 tons of general cargo, mail and 6,700 tons for ports beyond.

Heigo Maru (Japanese) from Keelung with 1,500 tons of general cargo.

Thouman Maru (Japanese) from Mike with 3,593 tons of coal.

Tak Wing (Chinese) from Nam Tau with 25 tons of sundry cargo.

Later arrivals yesterday, too late for entry in the above returns, included:—

Kashing (British) from Lunghow and Shanghai with 800 tons of general cargo.

Anking (British) from Singapore and Amoy with 40 tons of firewood and coconuts and mail.

Hong Ping (British) from Rangoon and Singapore with 450 tons of general cargo, mail and 2,000 tons for ports beyond.

Antenor (British) from Liverpool and Singapore with 1,000 tons of general cargo, mail and 5,000 tons for ports beyond.

Kwai Sang (British) from Kolsichang and Bangkok with 820 tons of white rice and meal.

Higon (British) from New York and Manila with general cargo, sugar and hemp (amount unspecified).

Tak Wing (Chinese) from Nam Tau with three parcels of sundries.

When the R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* leaves at noon to-day for Vancouver, via Shanghai and Japan ports, she will carry a full complement of passengers. It is of much interest to note that the liner will carry the largest number of steerage passengers that has been booked from here for the past two years or so. No fewer than 600 steerage passengers will leave Hongkong on her to-day, against the average number of about 300. Altogether, over 1,000 passengers will be carried on the liner from Hongkong.

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EMPRESS OF ASIA	April 30	May 3	May 6	May 8	May 17
EMPRESS OF CANADA	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 23	May 31
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 28	May 31	June 3	June 5	June 14
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	June 11	June 14	June 18	June 19	June 30
EMPRESS OF ASIA	June 24	June 27	June 30	July 3	July 12
EMPRESS OF CANADA	July 9	July 12	July 14	July 17	July 26
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	July 23	July 26	July 29	Aug. 1	Aug. 9
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	Aug. 6	Aug. 9	Aug. 11	Aug. 14	Aug. 25
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Aug. 19	Aug. 22	Aug. 25	Aug. 28	Sept. 6
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Sept. 3	Sept. 6	Sept. 8	Sept. 11	Sept. 20
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Sept. 15	Sept. 18	Sept. 22	Sept. 25	Oct. 4

(E/Asia and E/Russia call at Nagasaki the day after departure from Shanghai.)

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May 8	May 8	EMPRESS CANADA	May 11
May 20	May 22	EMPRESS RUSSIA	May 23

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai, Japan Ports & Honolulu.	Tuesday, 4th May, at Noon
SIBERIA MARU (omit Honolulu)	Tuesday, 18th May
TAIYO MARU	Tuesday, 18th May
SOUTH AMERICA via Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	
ROKUYO MARU	Saturday, 30th May
RAKUYO MARU	Tuesday, 17th July
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore & Ports	
KITANO MARU	Saturday, 8th May
HABUNA MARU	Saturday, 22nd May
KAMO MARU	Saturday, 5th June
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	
MISHIMA MARU	Wednesday, 19th May, at 11 a.m.
TANGO MARU	Wednesday, 23rd June, at 11 a.m.
NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.	
TOKIWA MARU	Thursday, 8th May
TAKAOKA MARU	Tuesday, 8th June
BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town, Delagoa Bay & Algoa Bay.	
WAKASA MARU	Wednesday, 2nd June
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.	
MUBORAN MARU	Monday, 3rd May
AWA MARU	Tuesday, 11th May
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
HAKATA MARU	Saturday, 1st May
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
TANGO MARU	Friday, 31st May, at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
KATORI MARU	Monday, 3rd May, at Noon
NEGATO MARU	Thursday, 13th May
BENGAL MARU	Thursday, 13th May
ATSUTA MARU	Tuesday, 18th May, at Noon

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Mail Steamers	Next Sailings from Marseilles	Pro. Arr. at H'kg. and Sailing for S'hai and Japan	Probable Sailing from Hongkong for Marseilles
ANGERS	...	...	11th May, 1926
AMAZONE	...	...	20th May, "
DARTAGNAN	9th Apr., 1926	11th May, 1926	8th June, "
ANGKOR	23rd Apr., "	25th May, "	22nd June, "
PORTHOS	7th May, "	8th June, "	8th July, "
ANDRE LEBON	21st May, "	22nd June, "	20th July, "
PAUL LECAT	4th June, "	6th July, "	3rd Aug., "

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"MINGSANG"	Friday, 30th April, at 10 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG"	Friday, 30th April, at 3 p.m.
TSINGTAU via SHANGHAI	"KWONGSANG"	Wednesday, 5th May, at 7 a.m.
HAIPHONG	"LEESANG"	Wednesday, 5th May, at 10 a.m.
BANGKOK	"KWAISANG"	Wednesday, 5th May, at Noon
TIENTSIN	"CHIPSANG"	Thursday, 6th May, at 10 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"YUENSANG"	Thursday, 6th May, at 3 p.m.
OSAKA via MOJI & KOBE	"KOMSANG"	Thursday, 13th May, at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Thursday, 13th May, at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Sunday, 15th May, at Noon
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"HOSANG"	Thursday, 22nd May, at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"SUSANG"	Wednesday, 26th May, at 3 p.m.

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"PERIM"	7,848	20th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MALWA"	10,941	28th May	Marseilles, London.
"MIRZAPUR"	6,716	3rd June	Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
"KHYBER"	9,114	12th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"MANTUA"	10,992	18th June	Marseilles and London.
"KARMAHA"	9,183	10th July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"RANPURA"	10,985	24th July	Marseilles and London.
"DELTA"	8,097	7th Aug.	Marseilles, London, and Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	21st Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	4th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
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"TALAMBA"	8,018	6th May	do.
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"SHIRALA"	—	27th May	do.

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"SHIRALA"	7,841	4th May	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka.
"NAGPORE"	5,253	5th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,583	6th May	Shanghai.
"MALWA"	10,941	14th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,992	28th May	do.
"PADUA"	8,097	30th May	Shanghai and Kobe.
"KARMAHA"	9,089	11th June	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	12th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	25th June	Shanghai only.
"RANPURA"	10,985	8th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,097	22nd July	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	5th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KALYAN"	10,941	19th Aug.	do.
"MALWA"	9,005	2nd Sept.	do.
"KASHGAR"	10,913	16th Sept.	do.
"MOBBA"	—	—	do.

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SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"KANCHOW"	On 1st May	4 p.m.
SAIGON	"KIUKIANG"	On 2nd May	6 a.m.
SAIGON	"CHENKIAN"	On 2nd May	6 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"ANKING"	On 4th May	8 a.m.
AMOI & SINGAPORE	"TEAN"	On 4th May	4 p.m.
BANGKOK	"LINAN"	On 5th May	10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"SZROHURN"	On 5th May	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 6th May	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LUCHOW"	On 8th May	4 p.m.
AMOI & NEWCHOW	"SINKIANG"	On 8th May	6 a.m.
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